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#### **INTRODUCTION**

An important function of the Bureau of Topographic and Geologic Survey is to provide accurate, timely information on Pennsylvania's bituminous coal. To achieve this goal, the Bureau is working in cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey to establish the National Coal Resources Data System (NCRDS). NCRDS is a computer data system developed by the U.S. Geological Survey to facilitate coal-resource calculations for the nation on a county-by-county and seam-by-seam basis, and to produce various kinds of tables and maps of coal characteristics.

Before NCRDS can be used for a particular bituminous-coal-producing county, all available data on the coal must be entered into the computer system. These data include site-specific (point-location) stratigraphic measurements and coal analyses, and specific map elements compiled on 7½-minute topographic quadrangle maps. The map elements, which include coal outcrop lines, structure contours, and mined-out areas, are digitized and stored in the system for subsequent computer manipulations.

The maps in this report represent part of phase one of NCRDS for Pennsylvania. Phase two will include the various computer-generated tables and maps of coal characteristics for the state. As the data base for each county is completed and the derivative tables and maps of coal quality are produced, their availability will be publicly announced.

Inasmuch as the maps showing coal outcrop lines and mined-out areas are in constant demand by the coal industry, consultants, planners, government personnel, and academicians, they are being made available in this publication. These maps will be of considerable help in planning exploration programs, land acquisition, land use planning, and environmental protection.

Two kinds of coal maps may be included for each 7½-minute quadrangle covering Clarion County (Figure 1). First, for each of the principal coal seams in a given quadrangle, there is a map showing (1) the coal outcrop (crop line), and (2) the extent of all known strip and deep mining up to the time of compilation (1985). Second, for each quadrangle, there is a composite map showing the crop lines of all of the principal coal seams (Figure 2), structure contours, and fold axes. If none of the principal coals have been mined or crop out in a particular quadrangle, only the second kind of map is presented. All of the maps contain information on sources of data, map reliability, and map symbols. In addition, the composite maps contain information on structure-contour intervals and datums, and names of fold axes. The general layout of the compilation maps is shown in Figure 3.

The Lower Clarion coal in Clarion County is believed to be equivalent to the Brookville coal in adjoining counties and is the lowermost coal in the Allegheny Group (see Figure 2). For purposes of simplification, the Lower Clarion (Brookville) coal crop line is labelled Lower Clarion (lcl) on the accompanying maps in this report.

The assessment of the reliability of a geologic map can be rather subjective. However, there has been a considerable amount of strip mining in

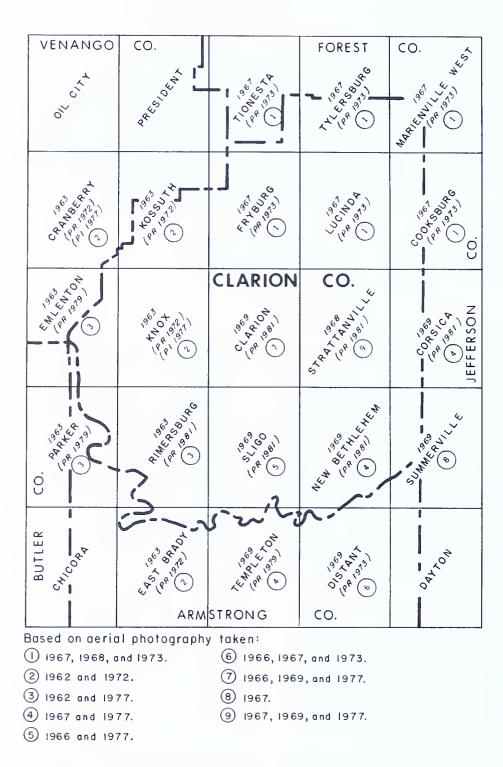


Figure 1. Index map of 7½-minute quadrangles in Clarion County. Dates of publication of topographic quadrangle maps are shown in italic type. Dates of photorevision (PR) and photoinspection (PI) are shown in parentheses.

Clarion County. For this reason, the reliability of crop lines and structure contours on these maps is believed to be very good, having an accuracy within 20 feet (±10 feet) vertically.

The reader is advised that all of the original compilation maps are available for public inspection at the offices of the Pennsylvania Geological Survey in Harrisburg. The scale of the original maps is 1:24,000.

The following list of references can be used to locate further information on the geology of Clarion County and the quality of coal in the county.

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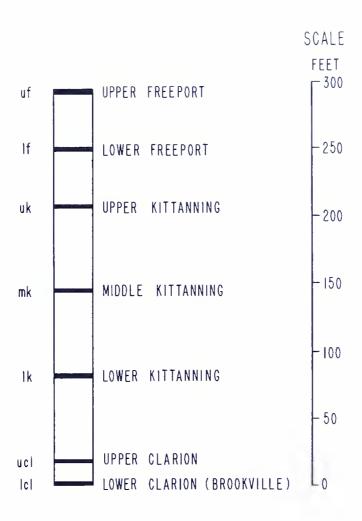


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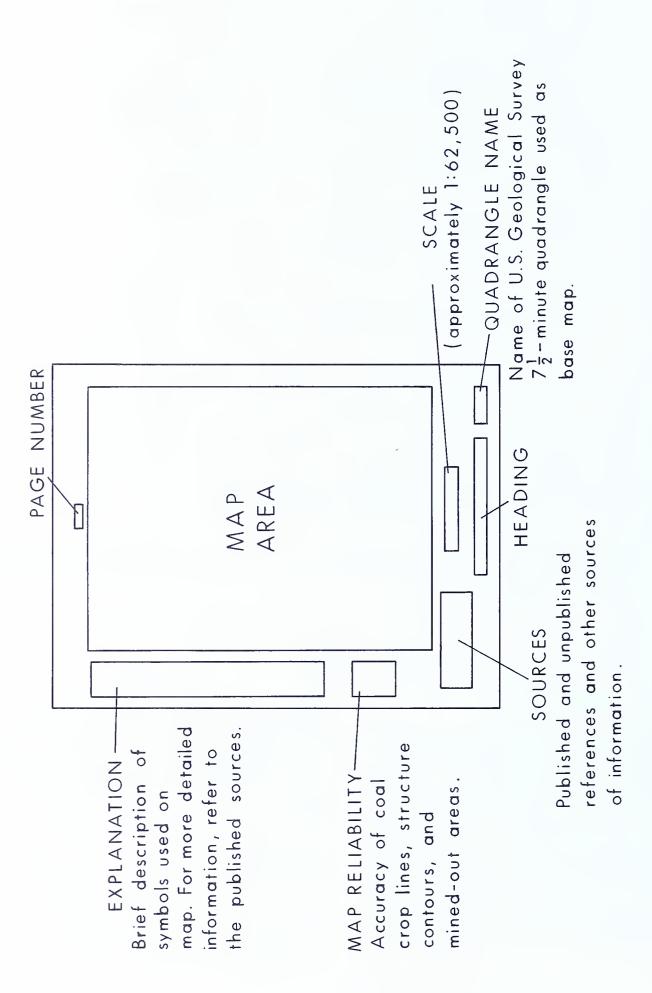
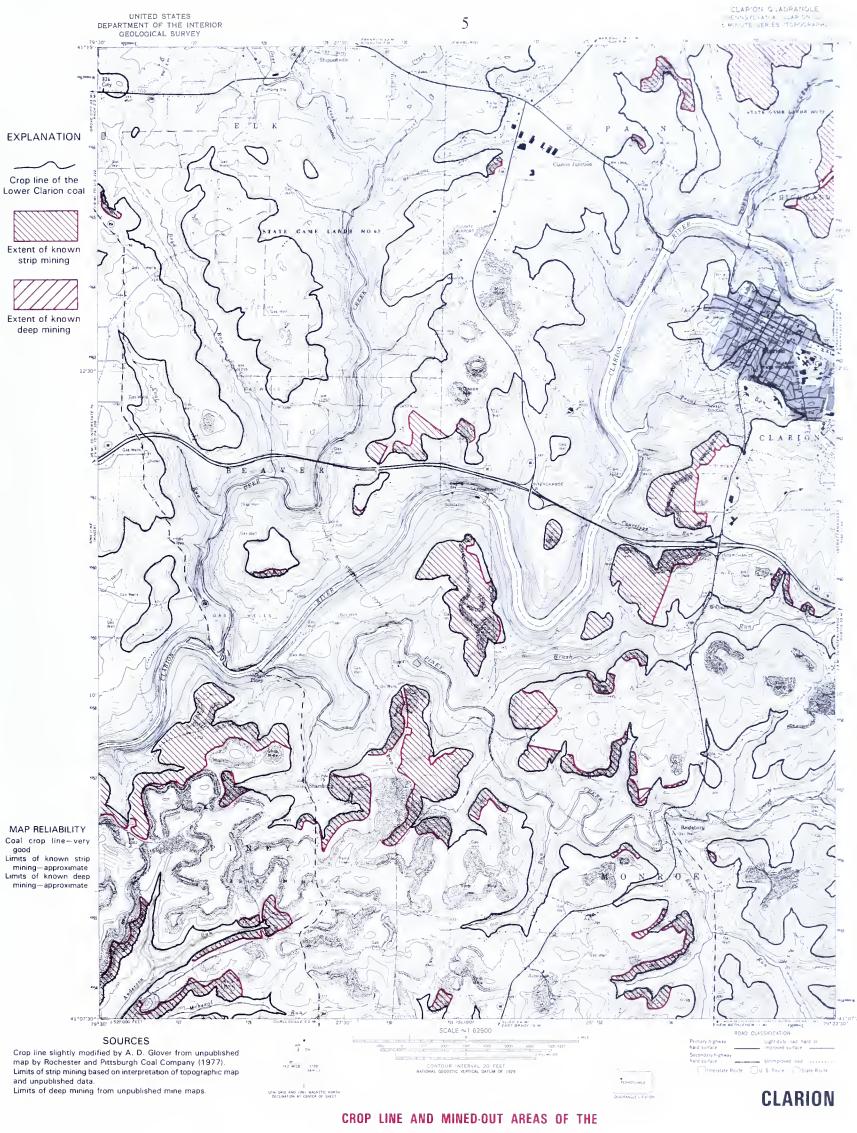
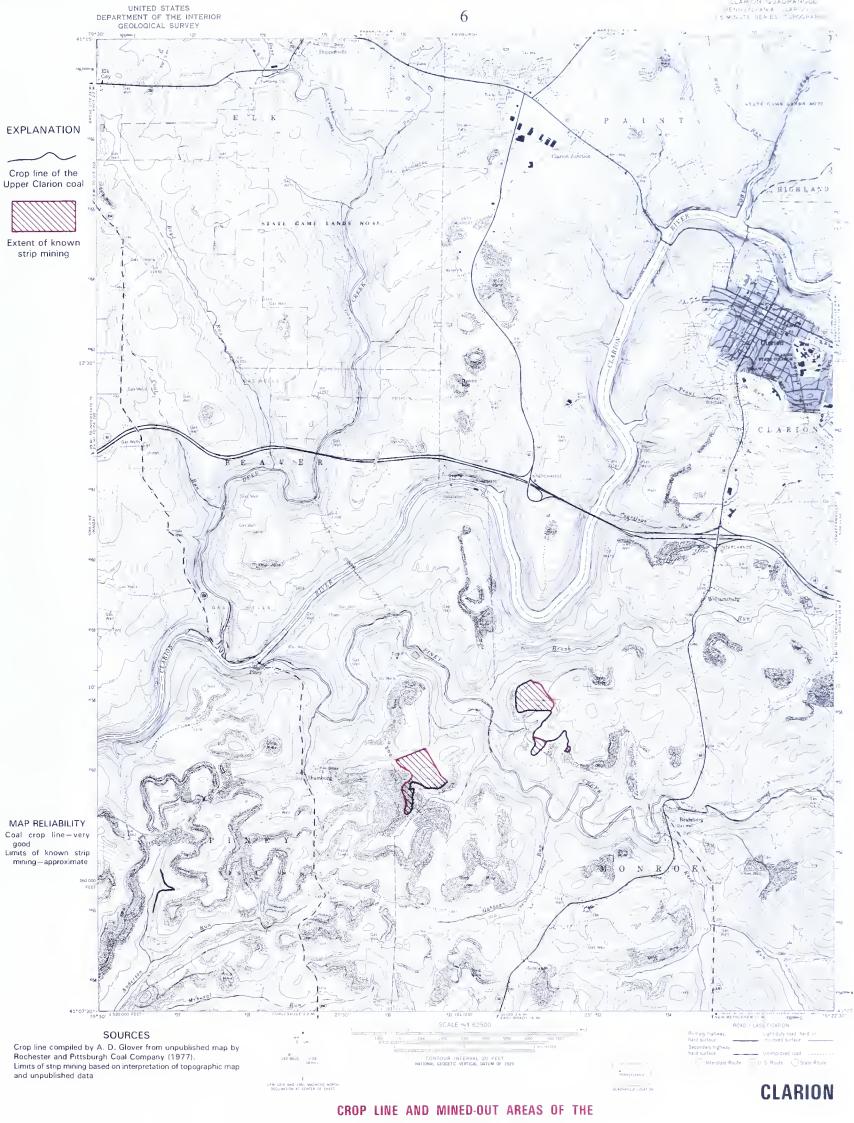


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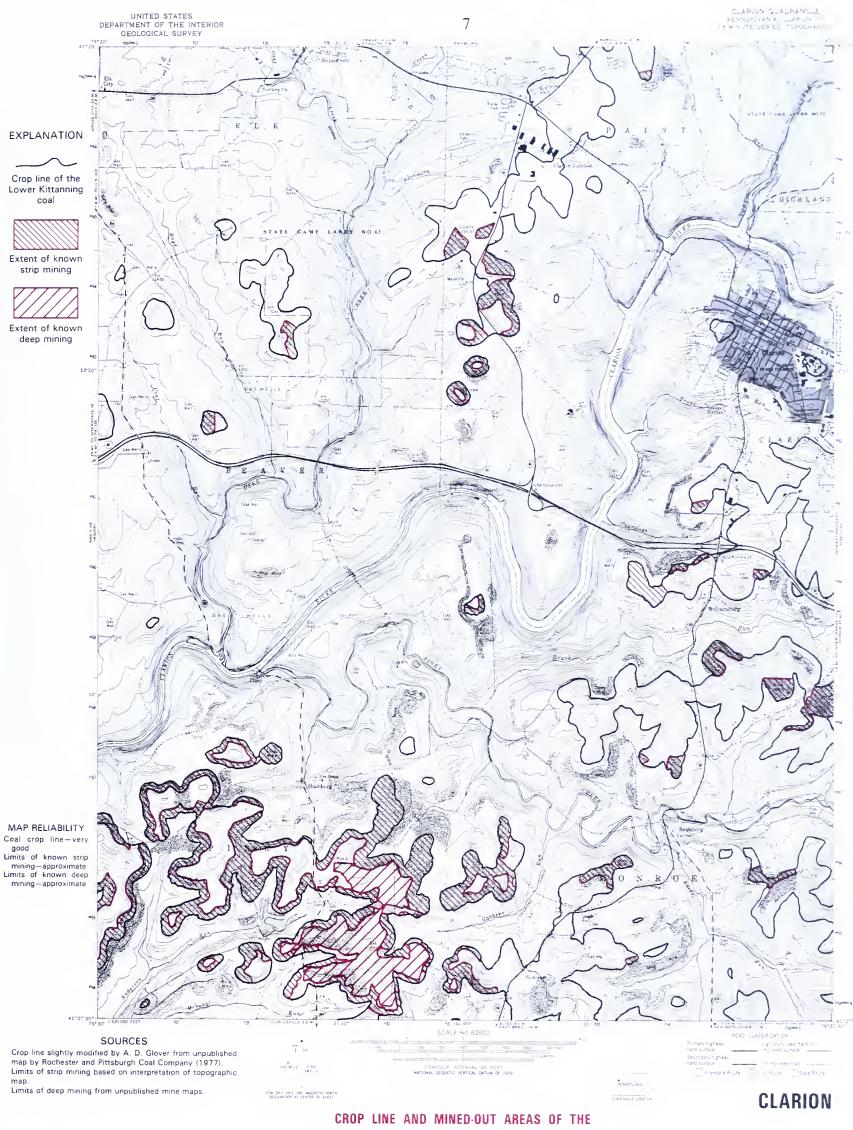


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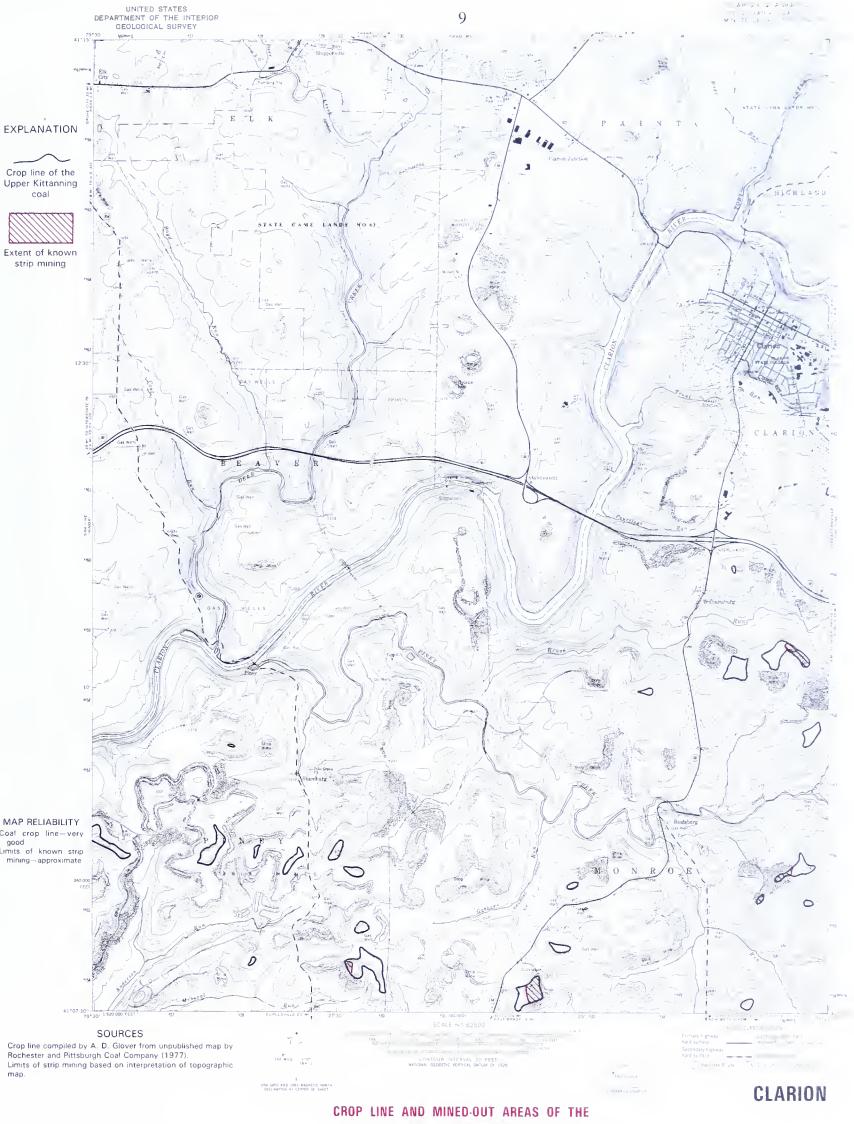
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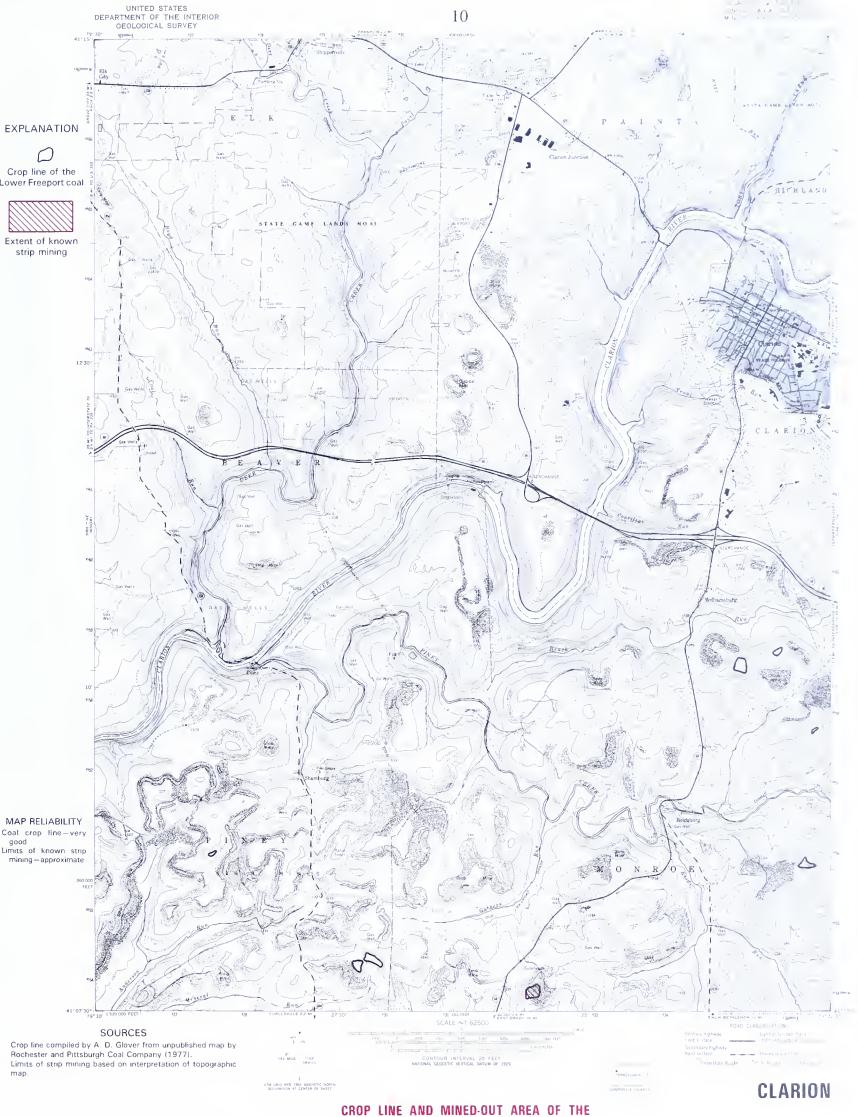


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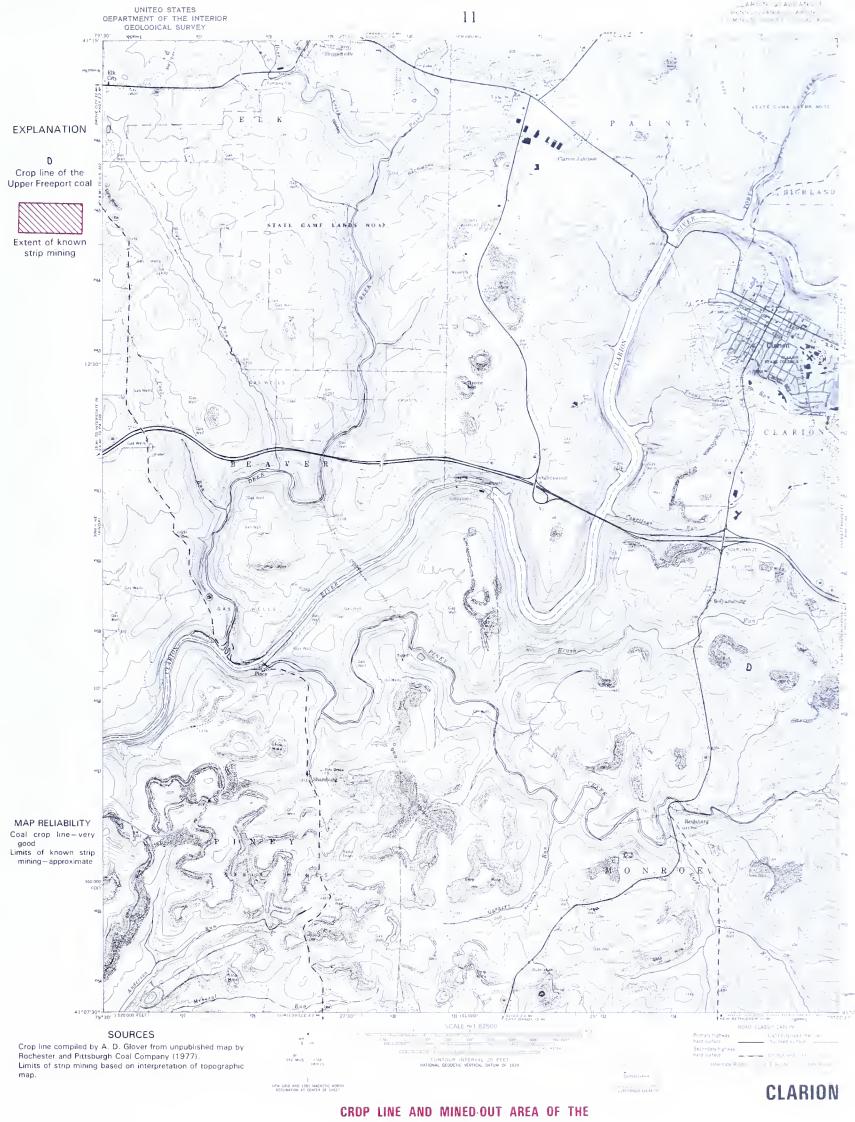
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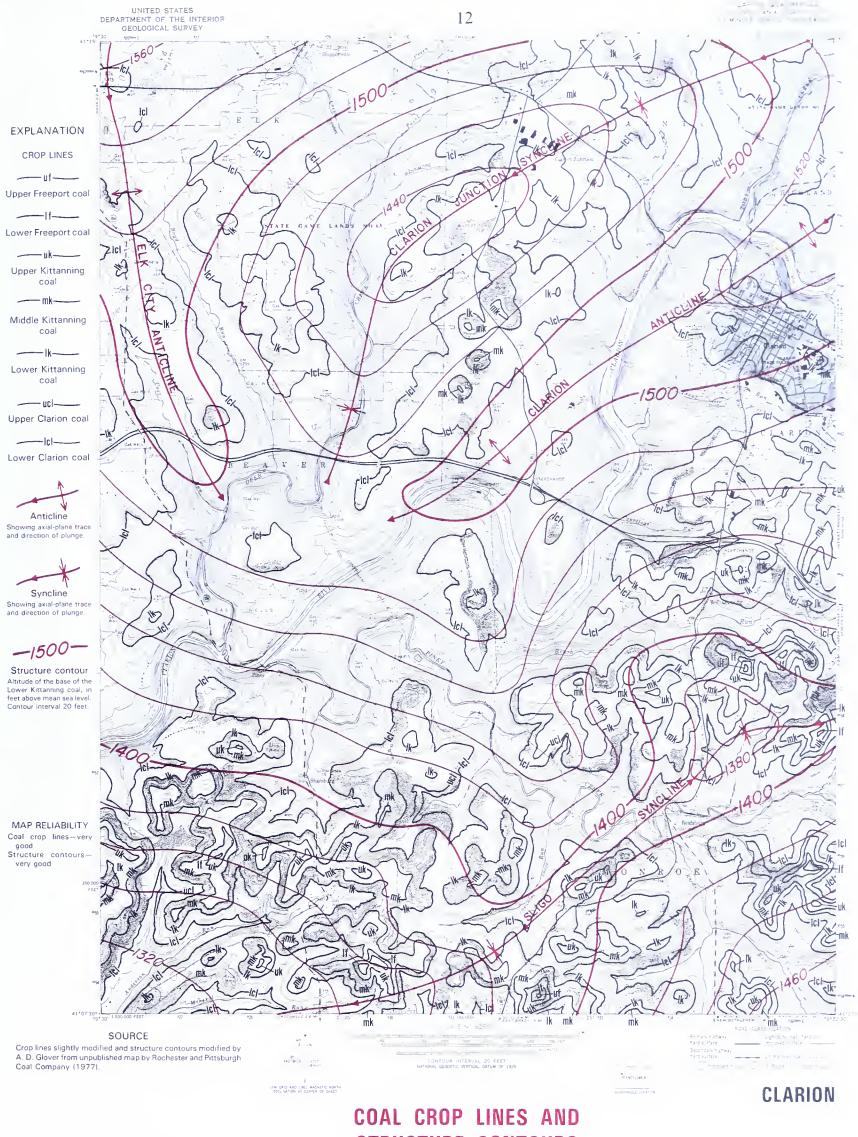
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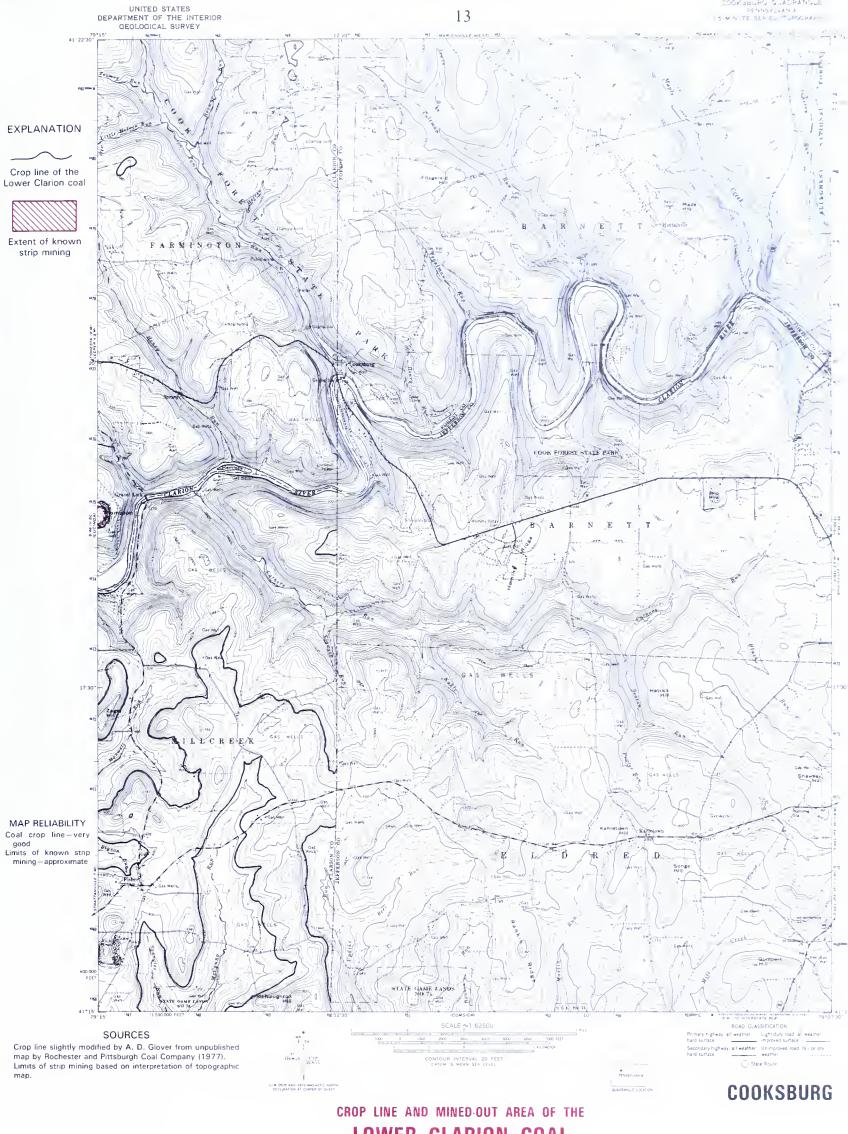
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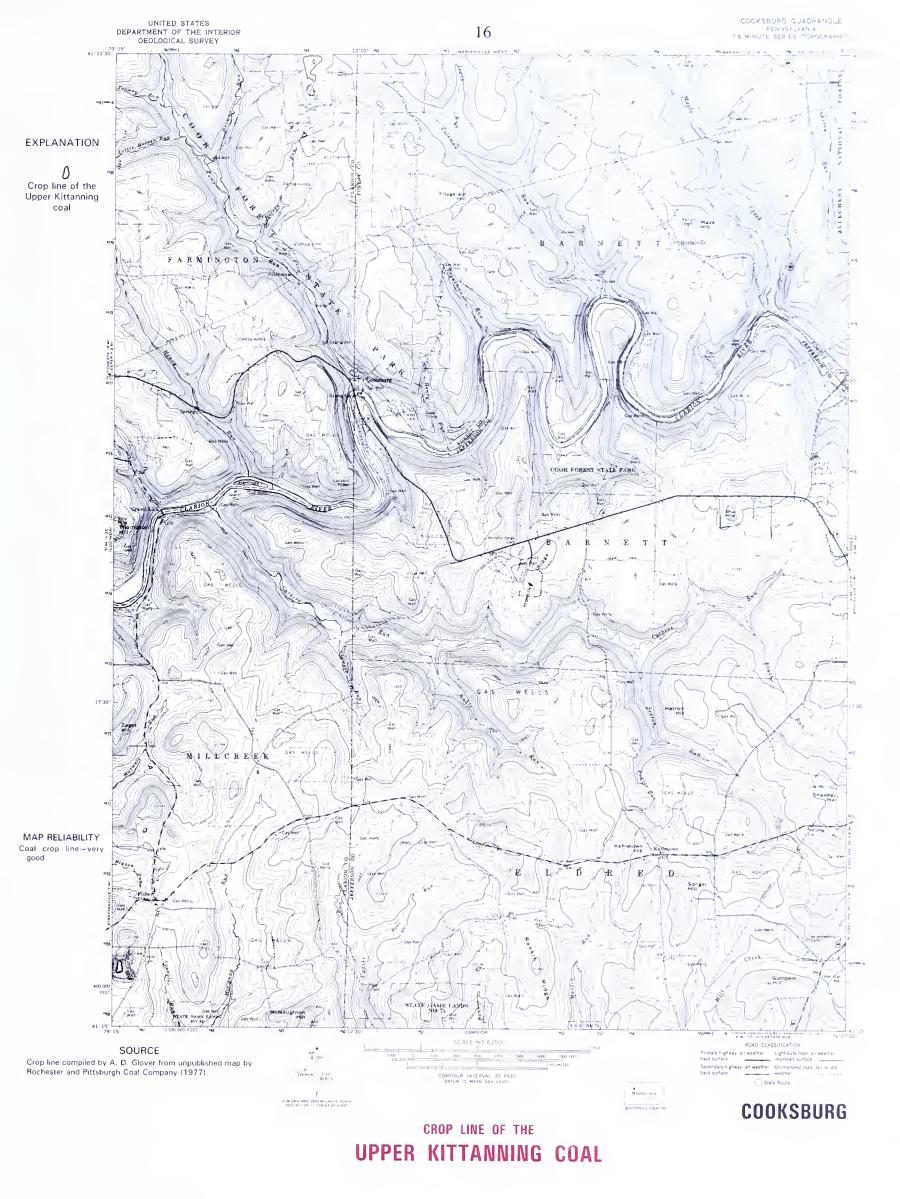


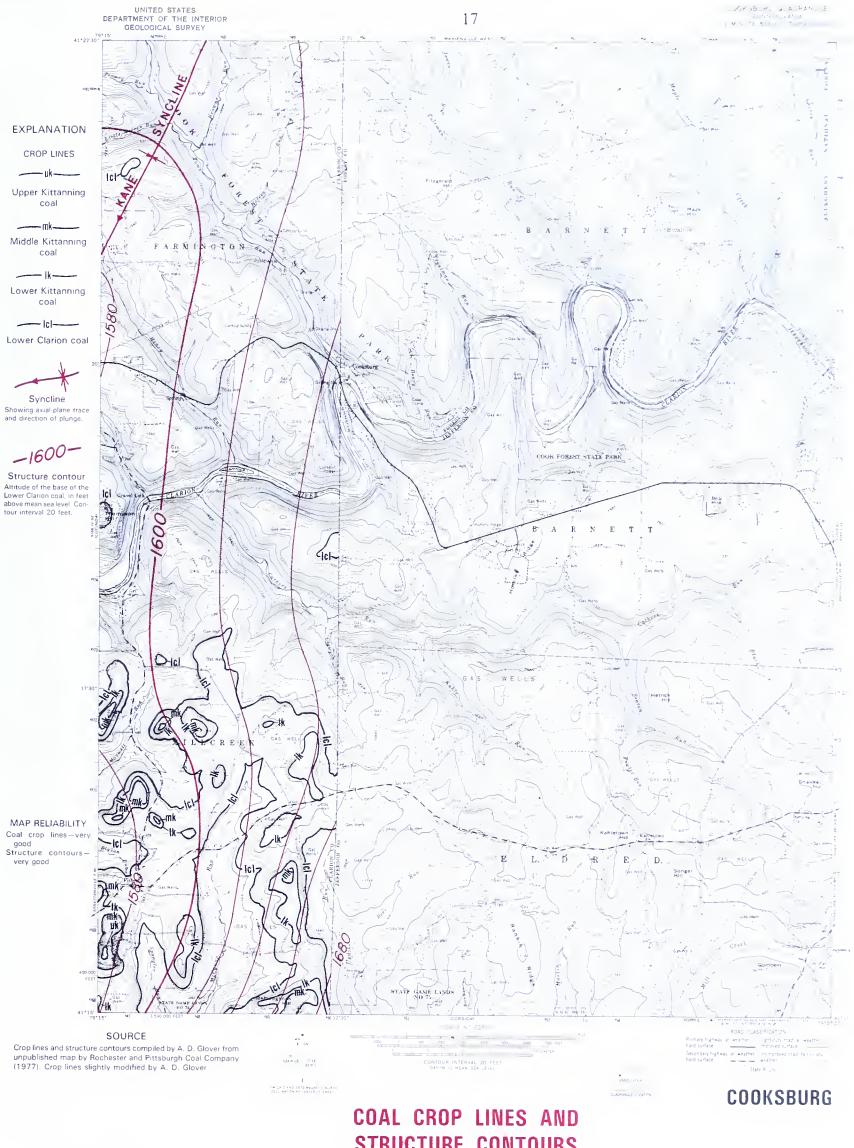
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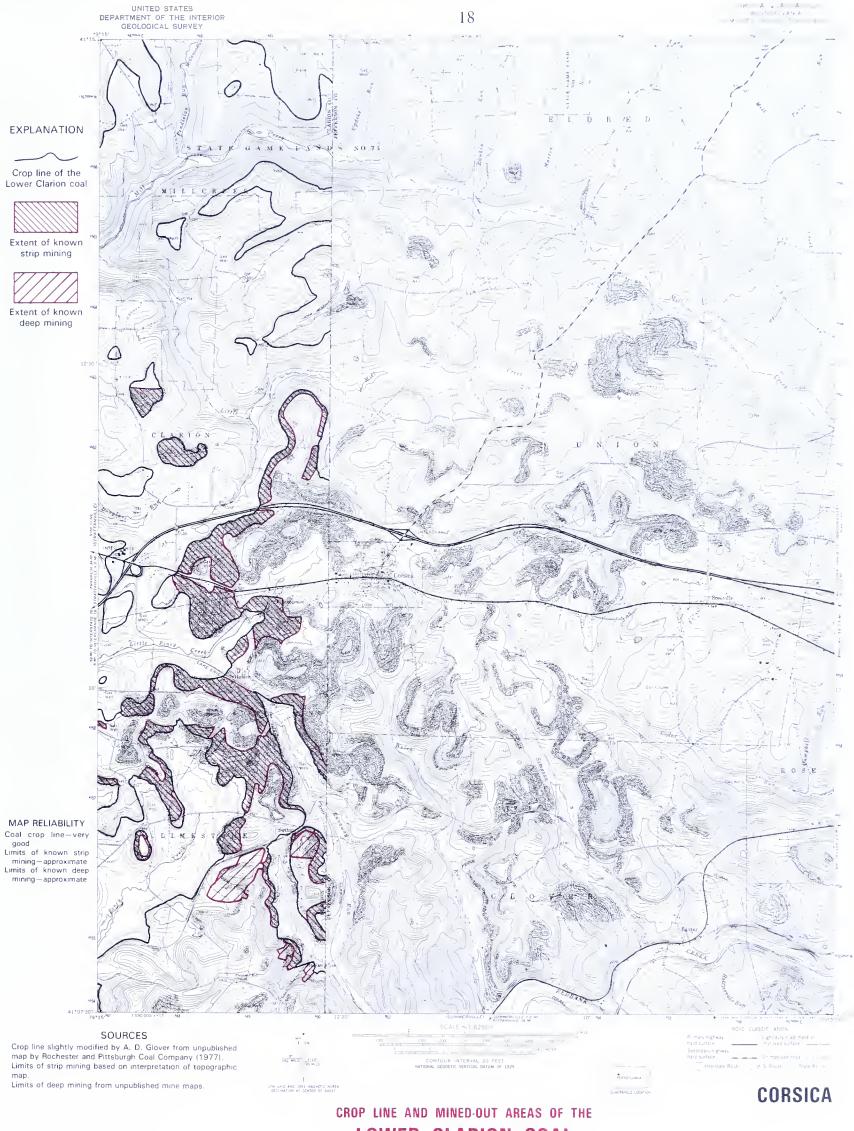






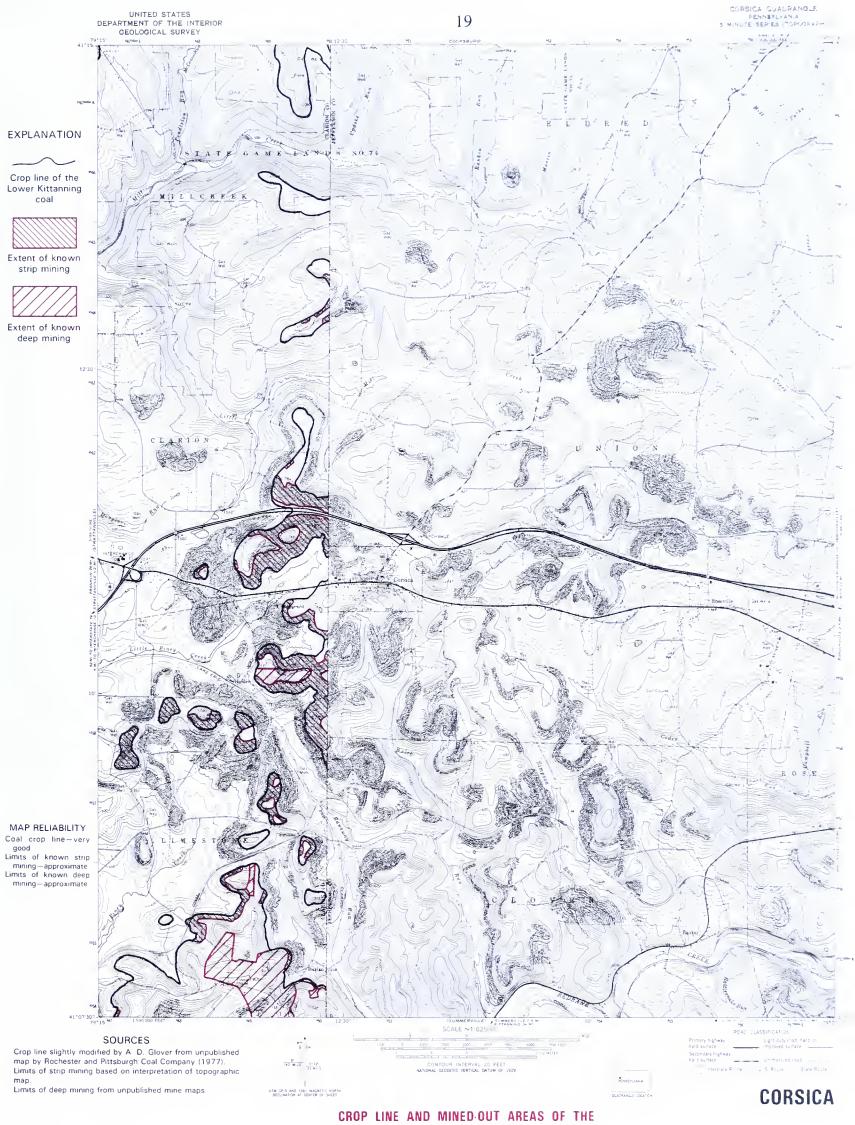


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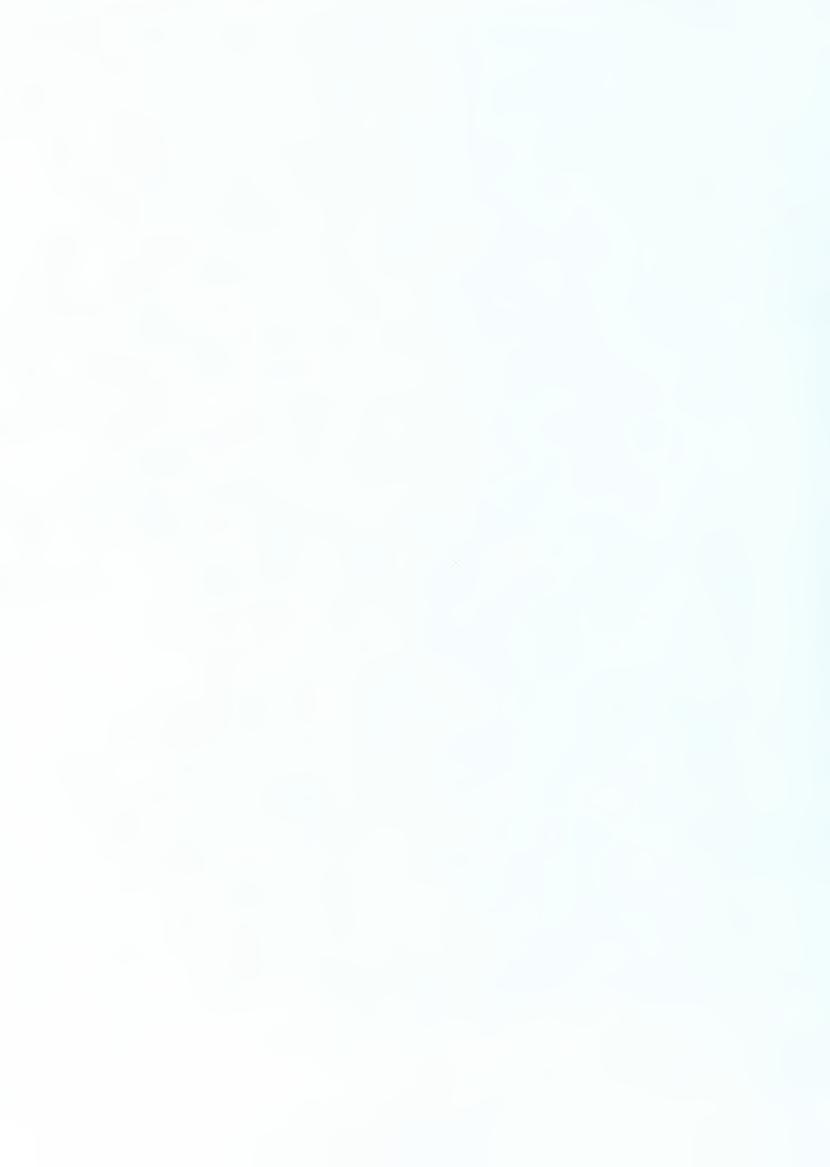


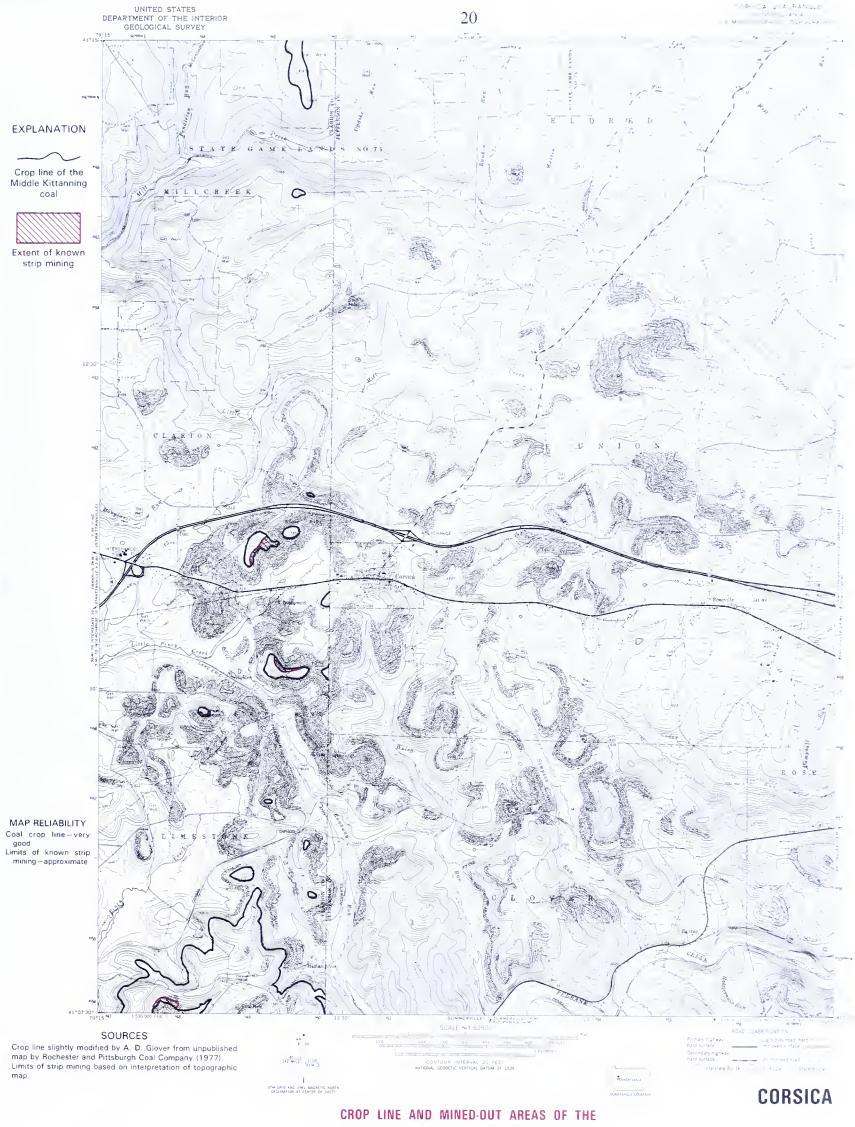
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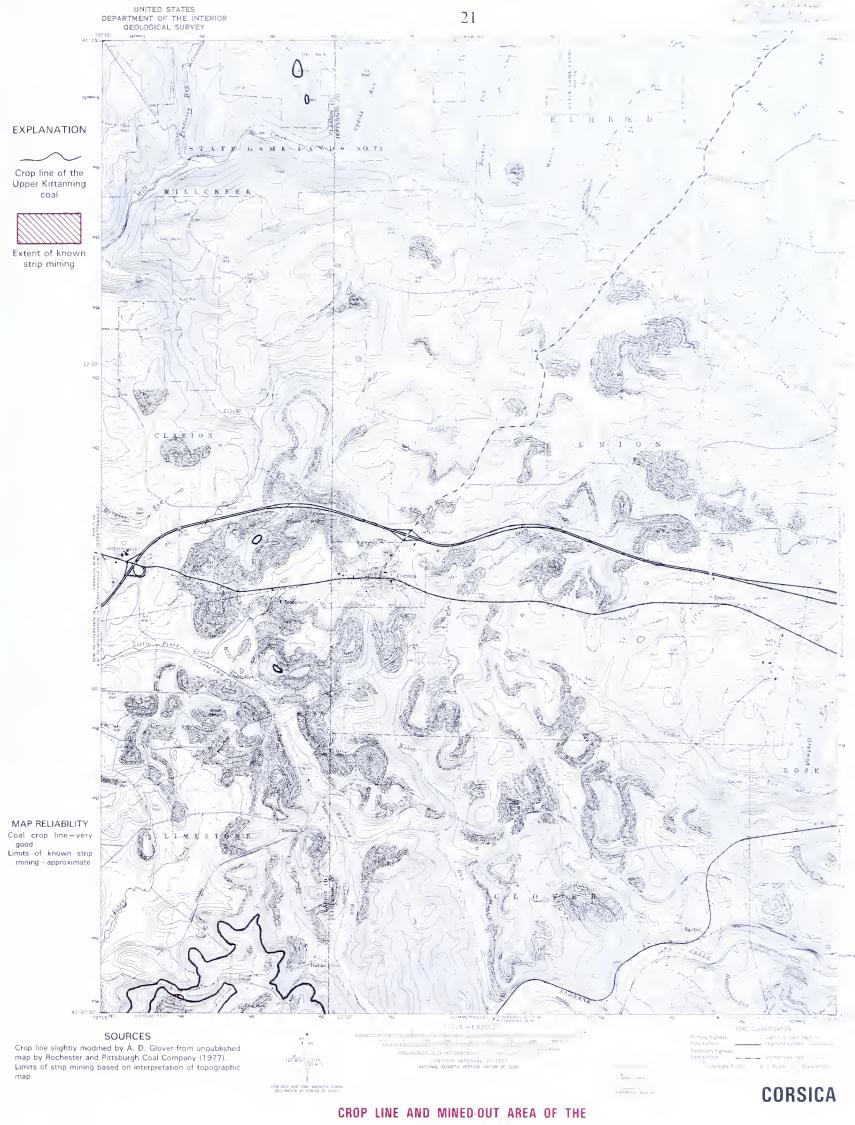


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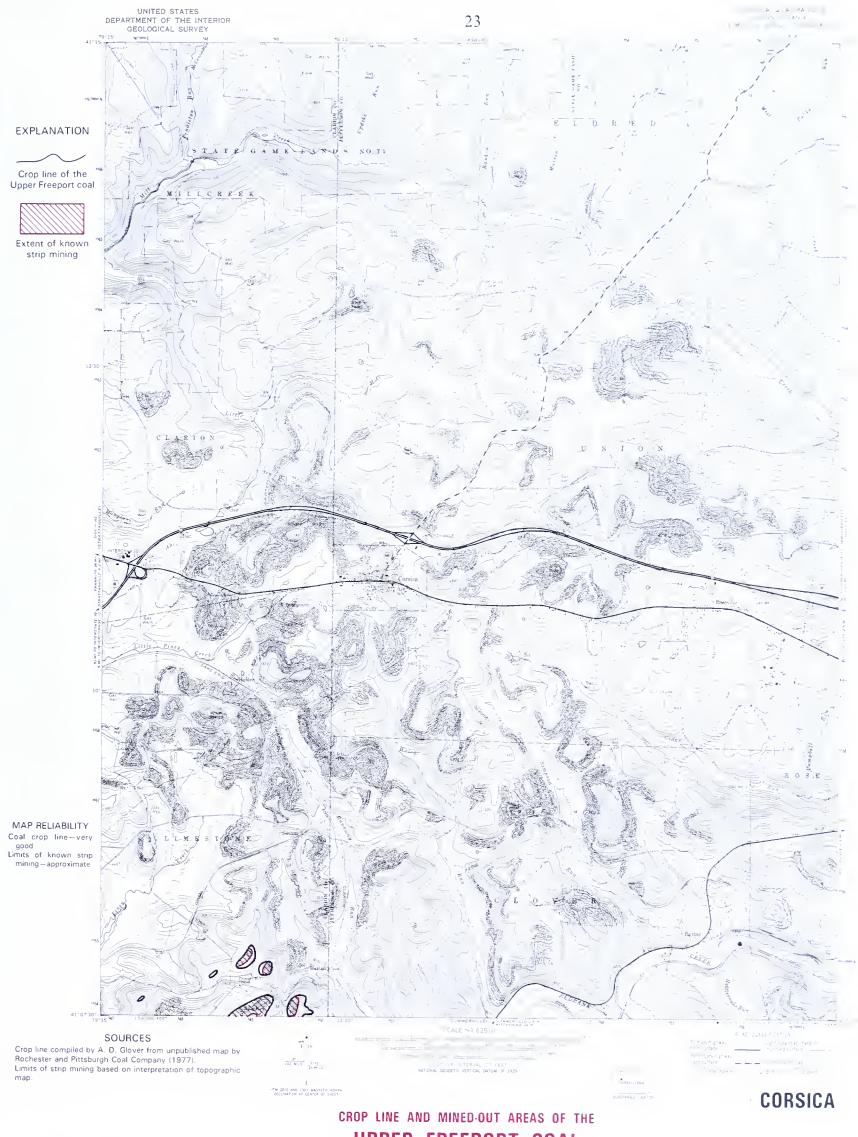


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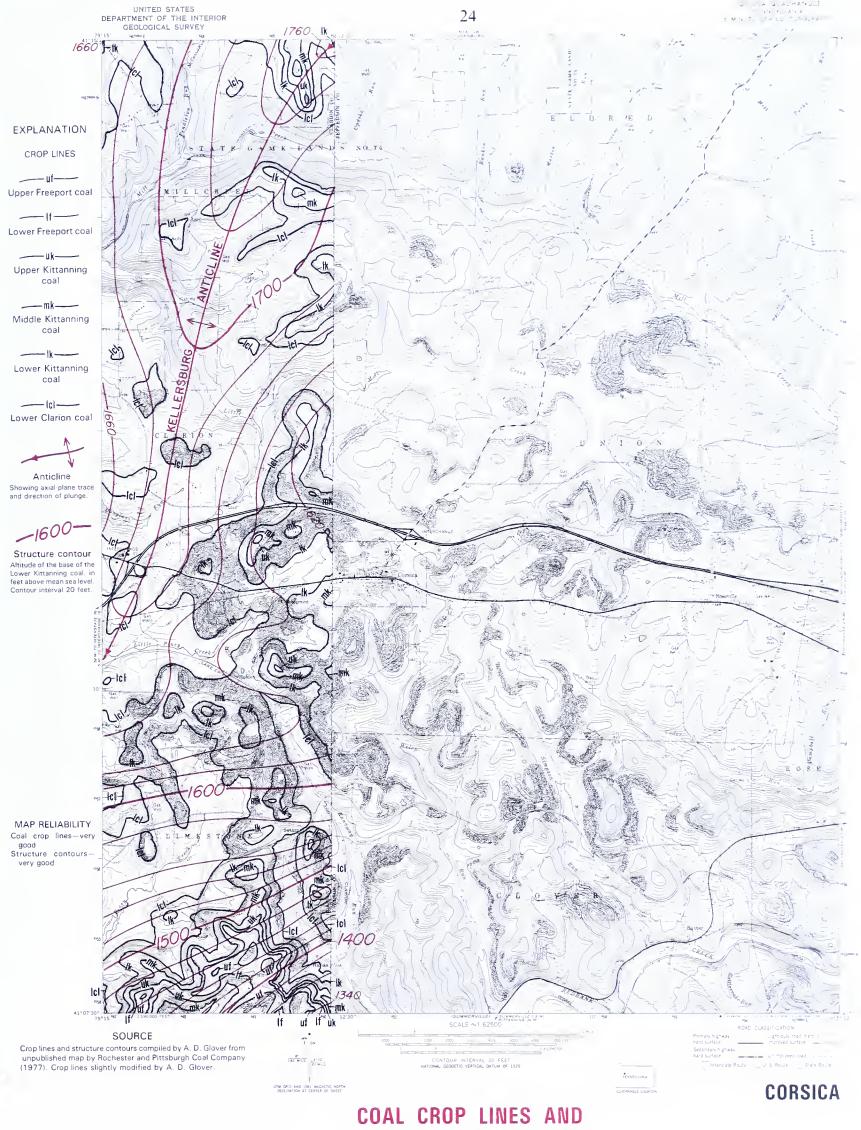


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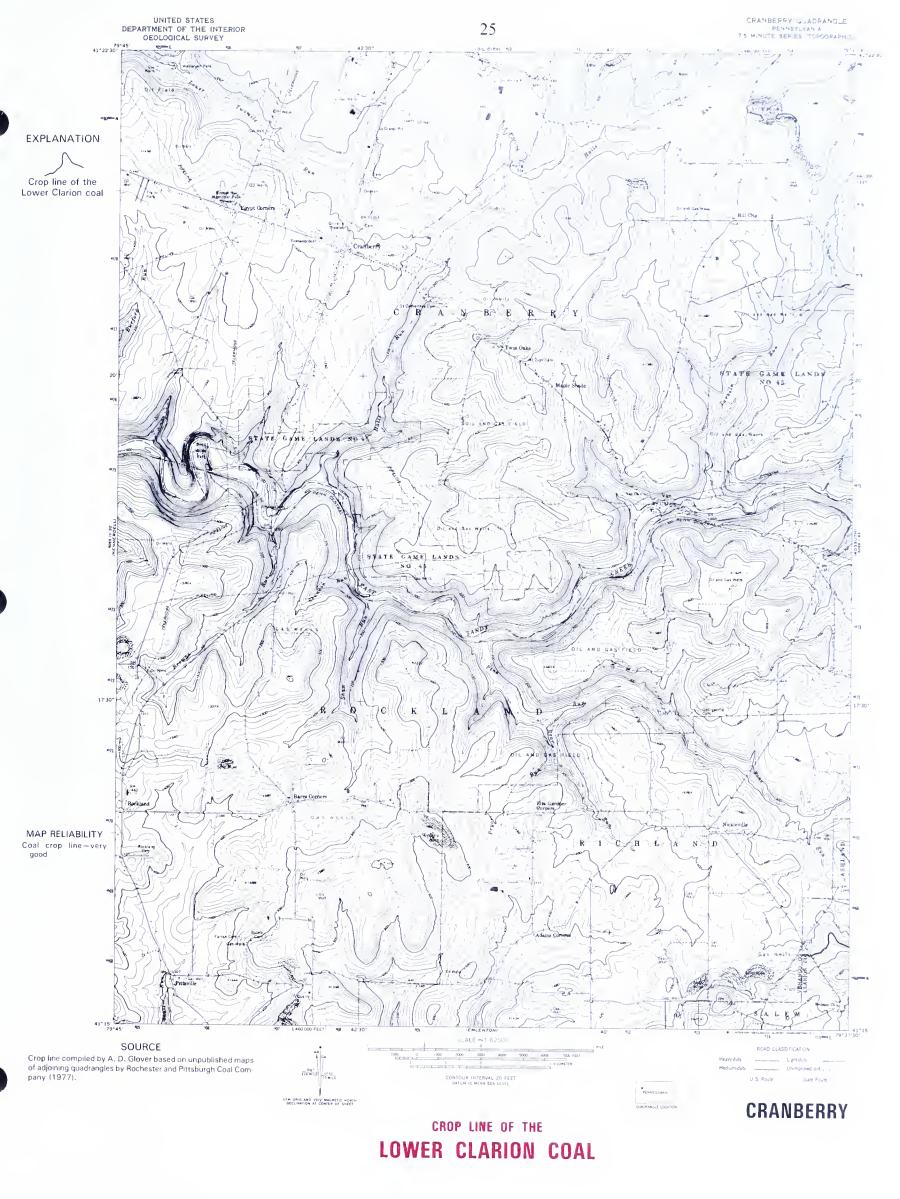


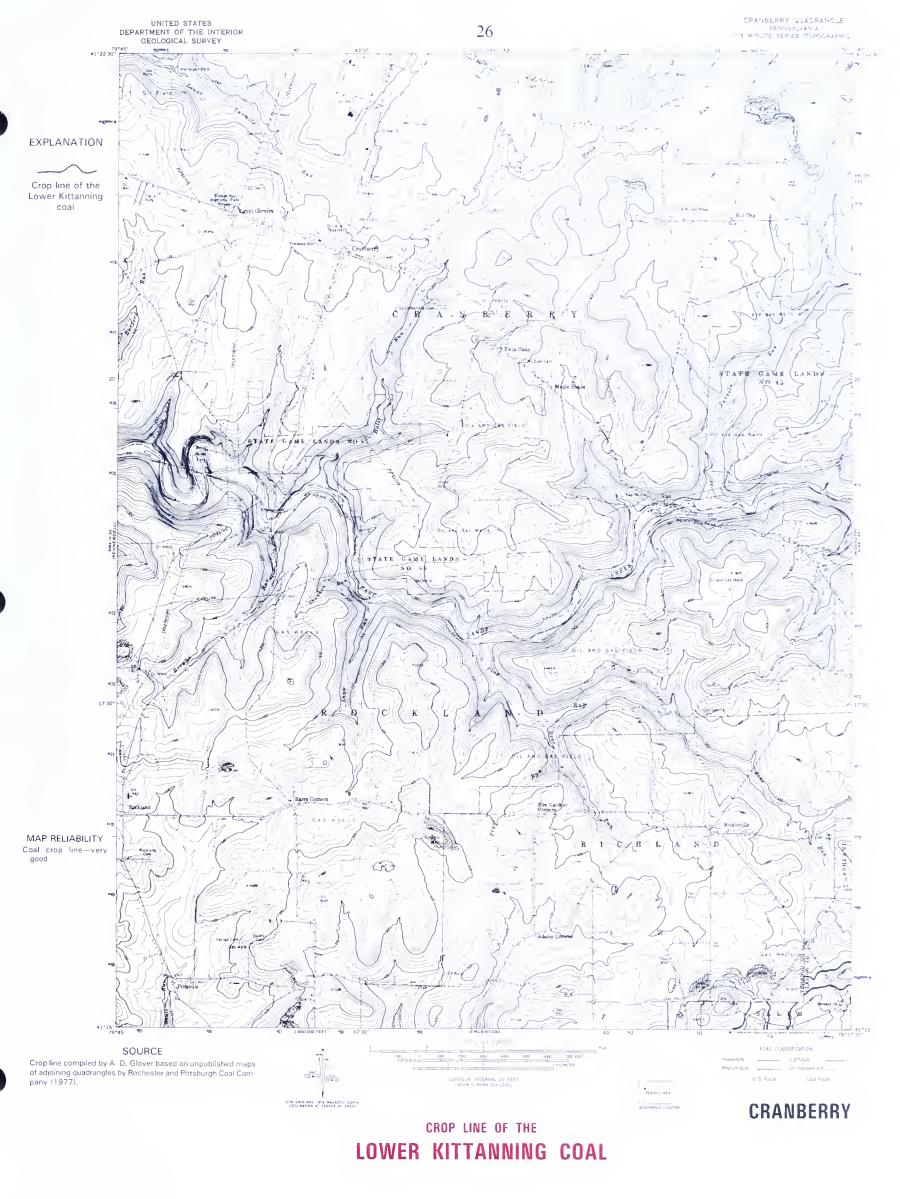
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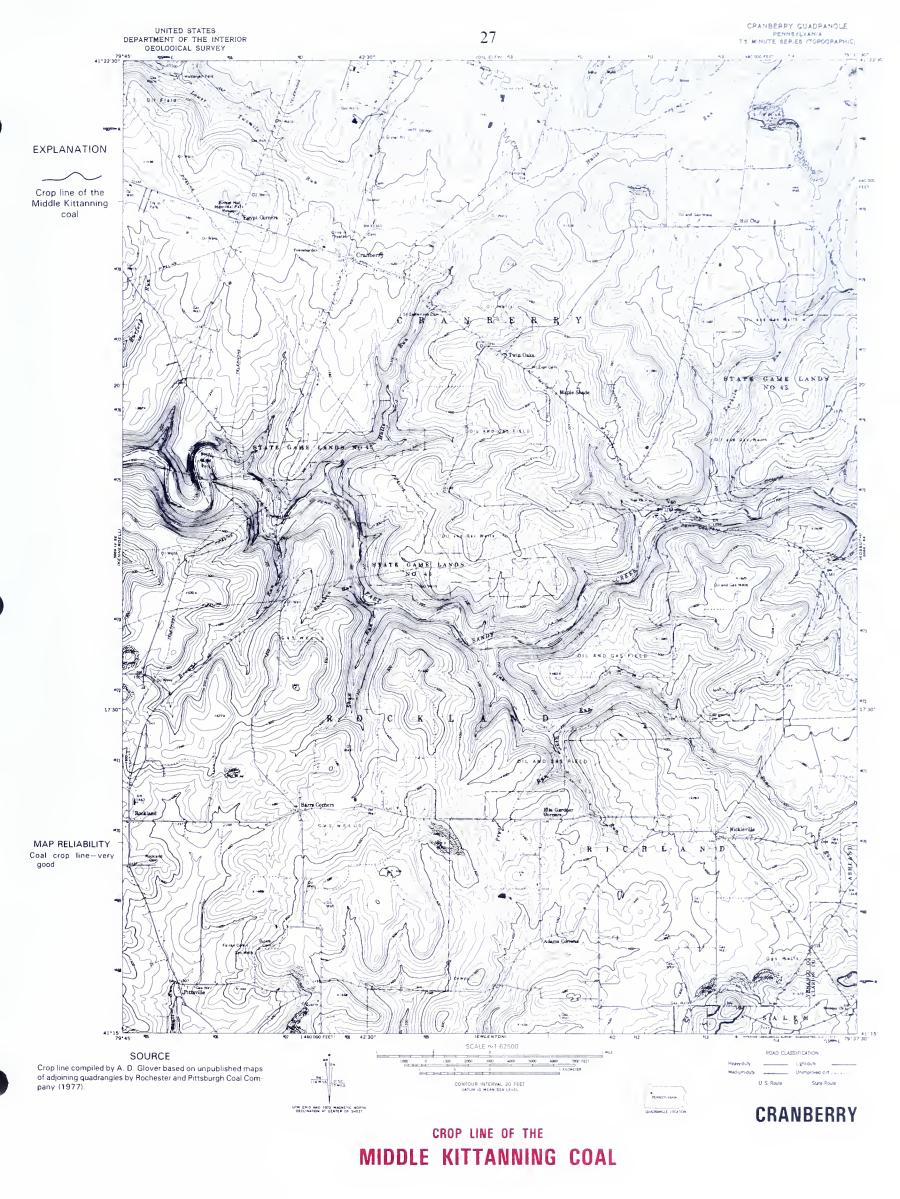
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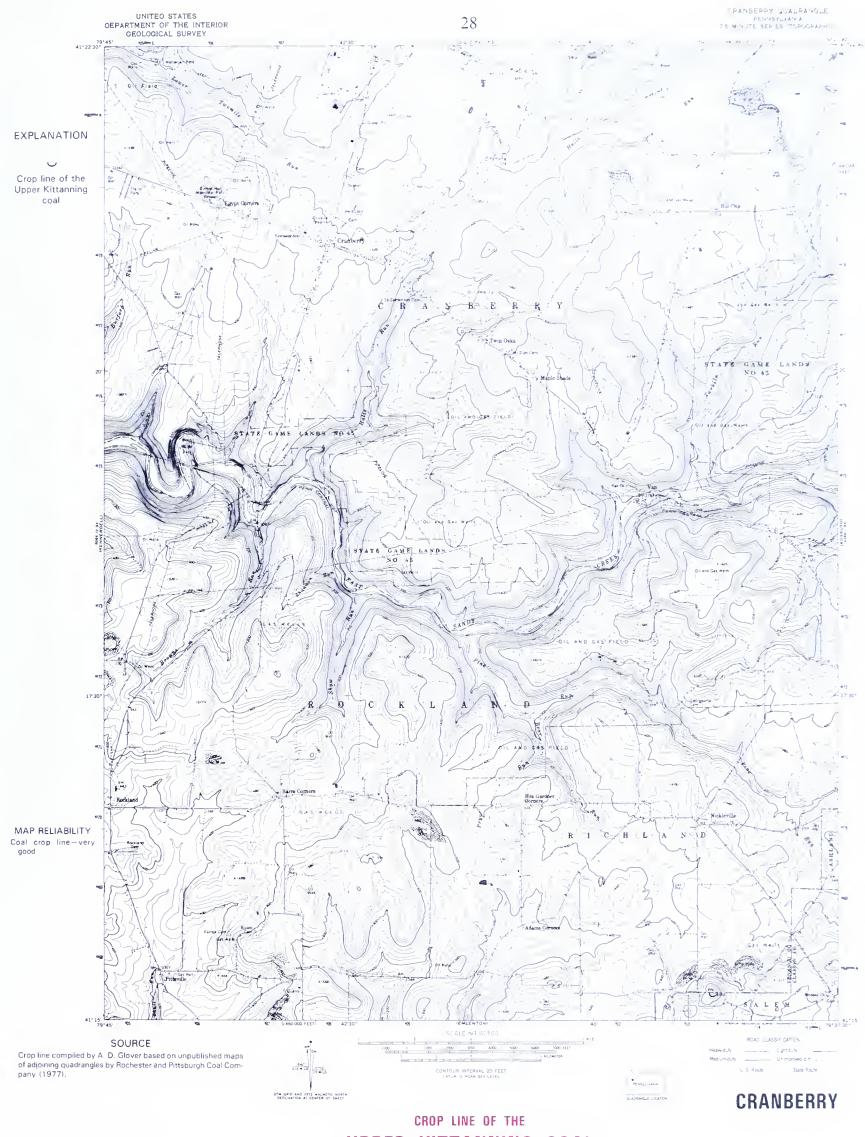






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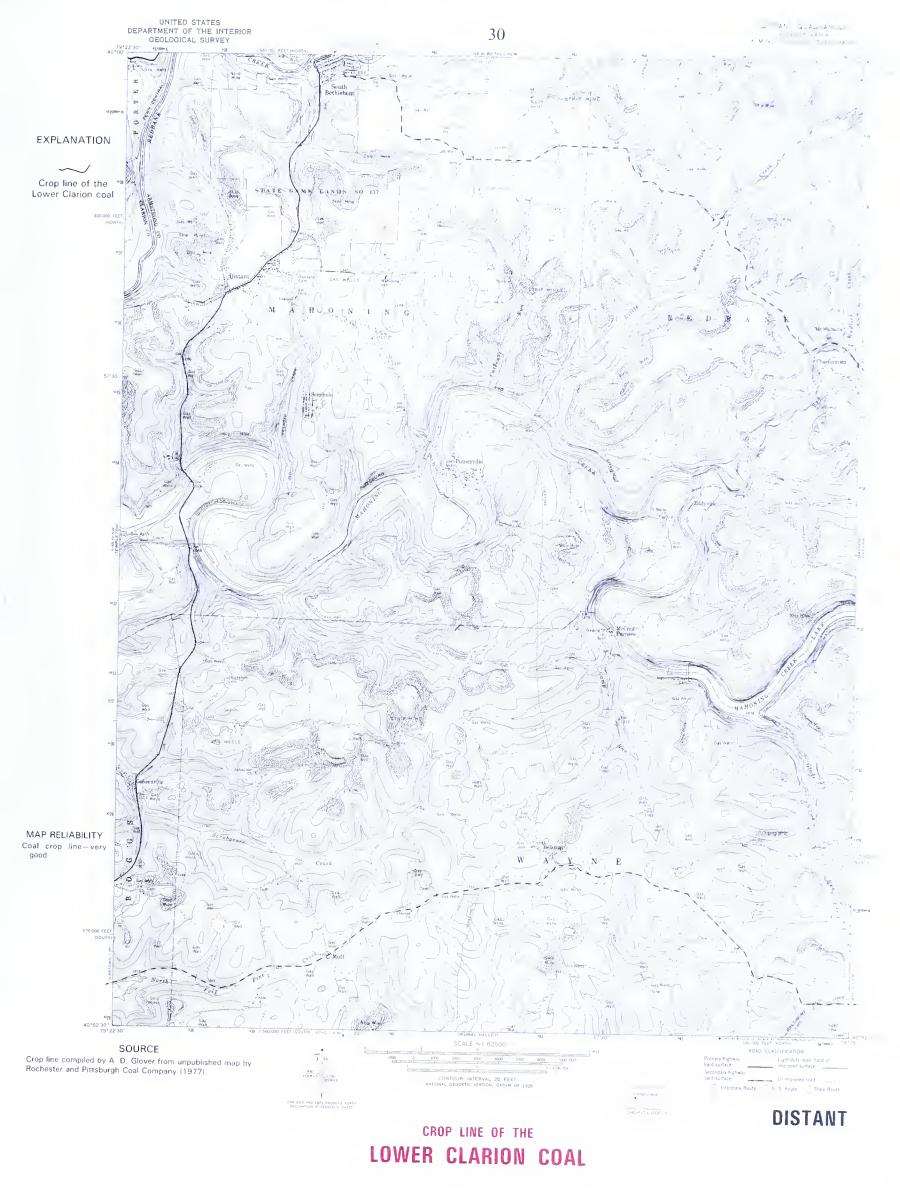


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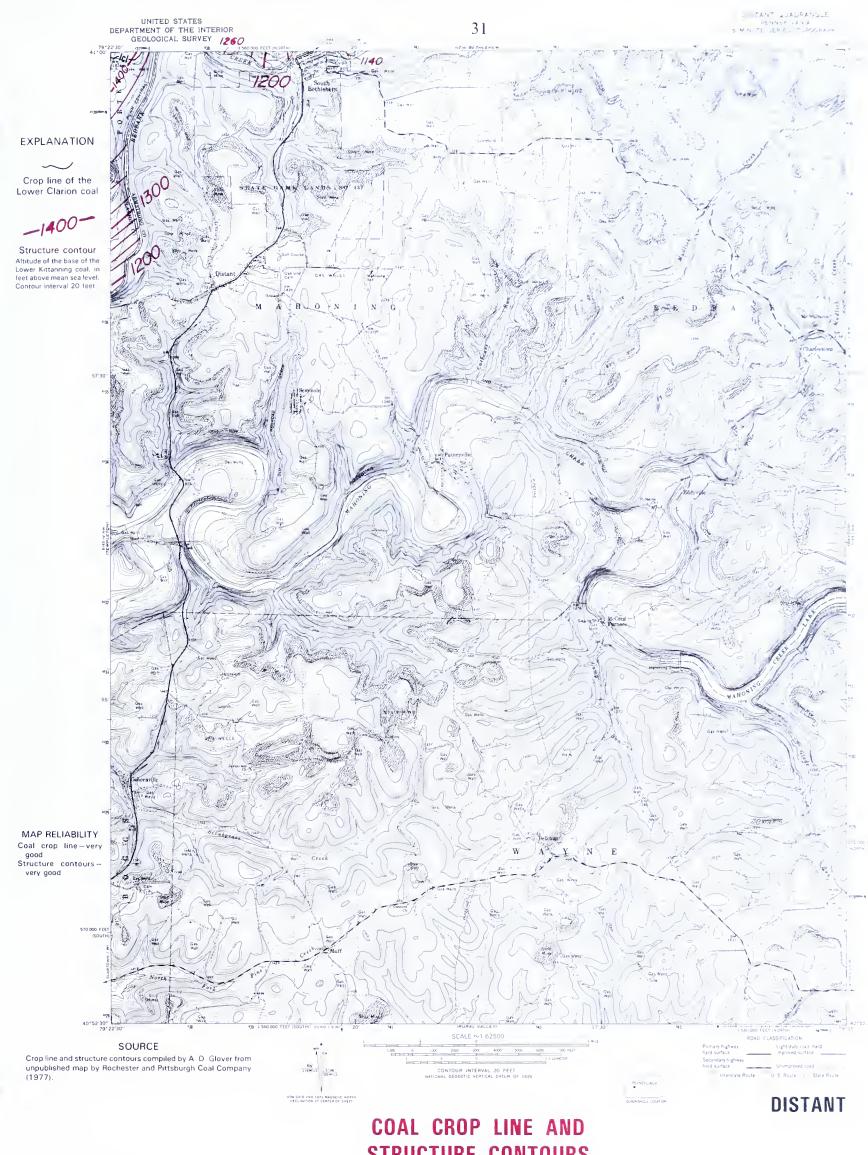








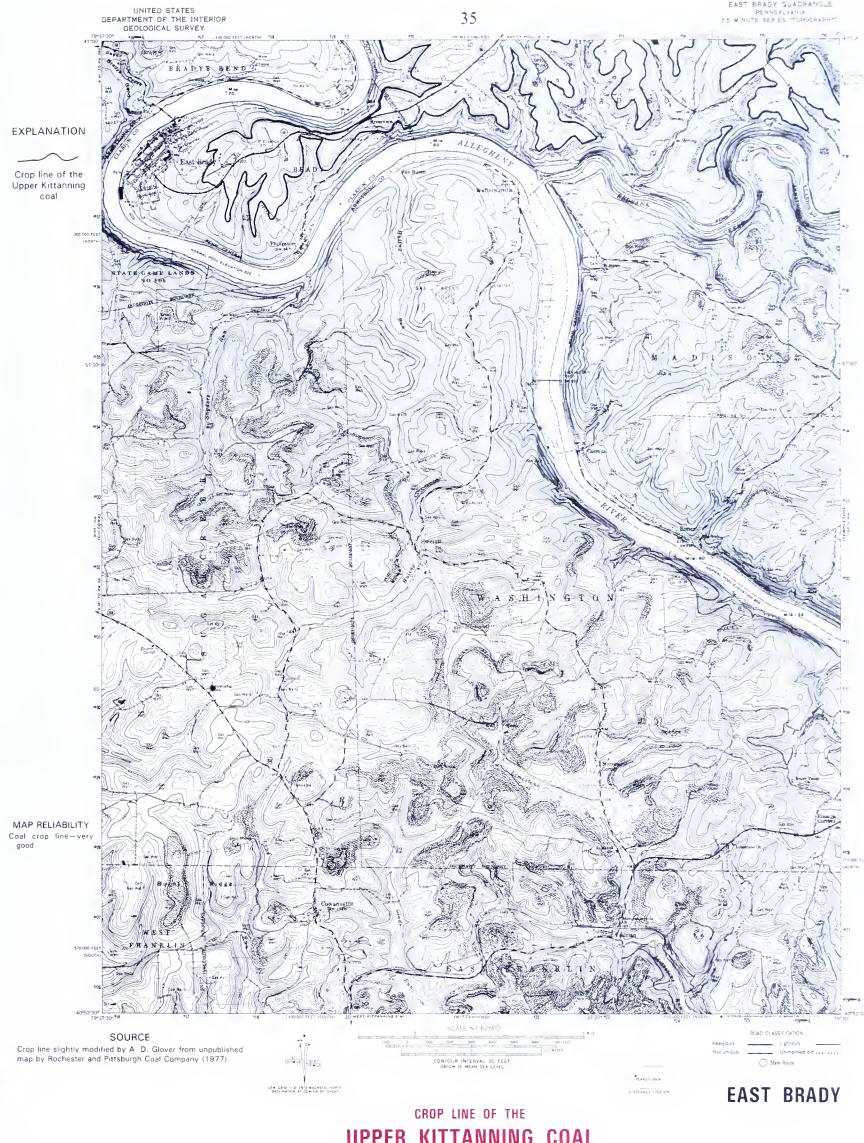




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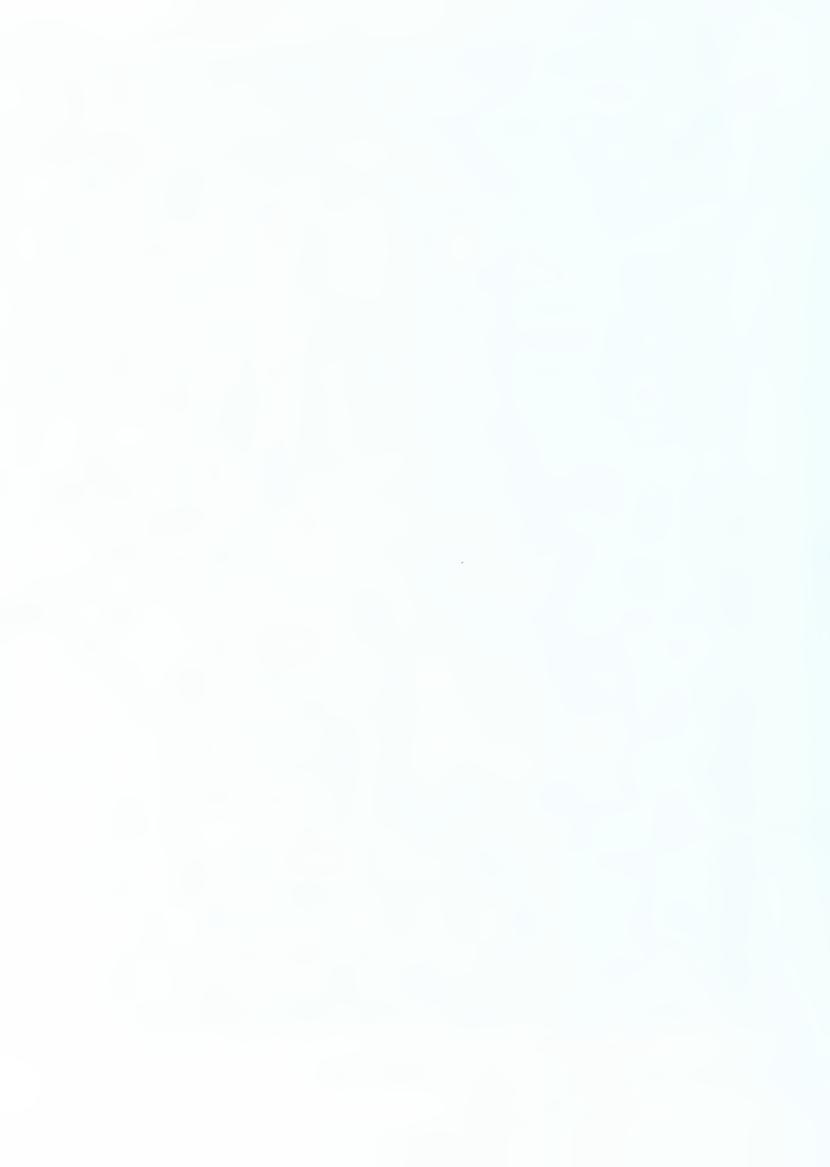


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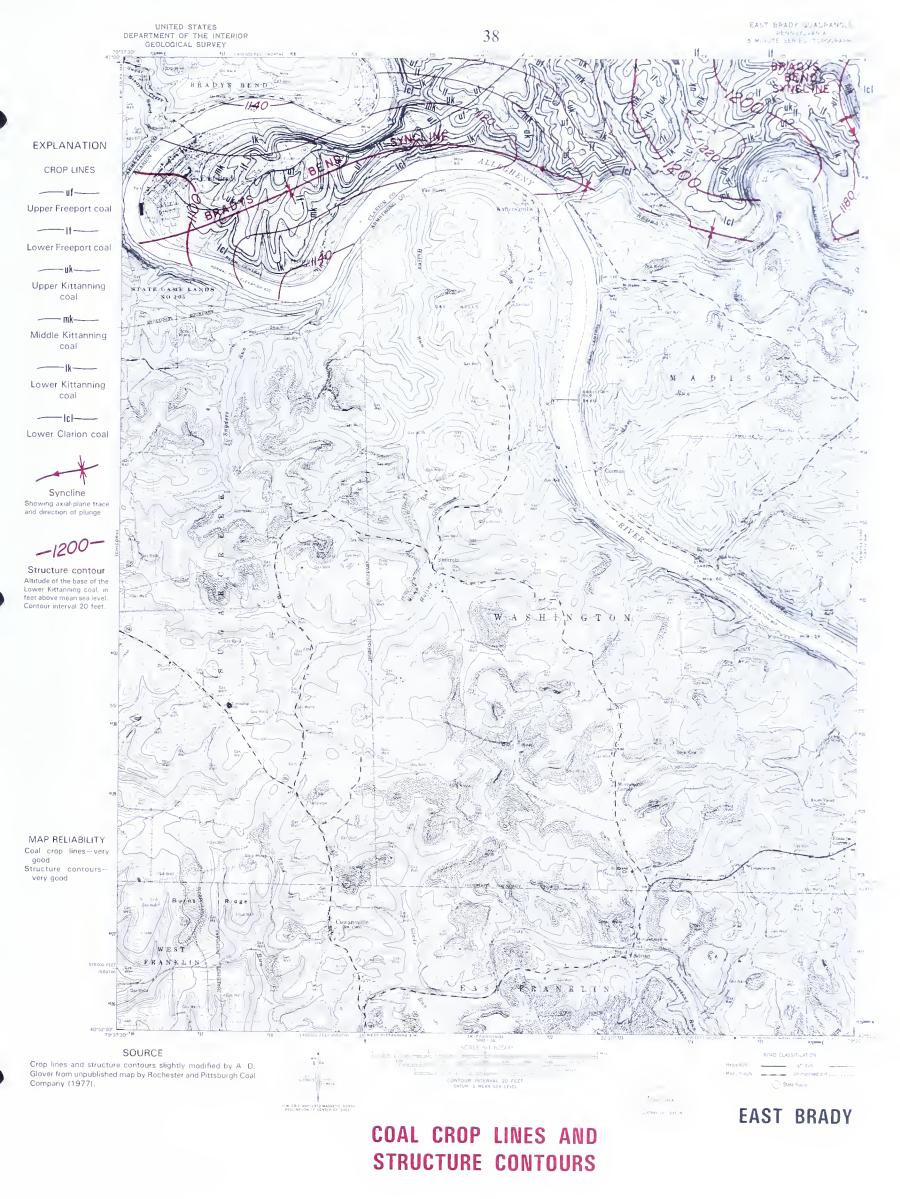


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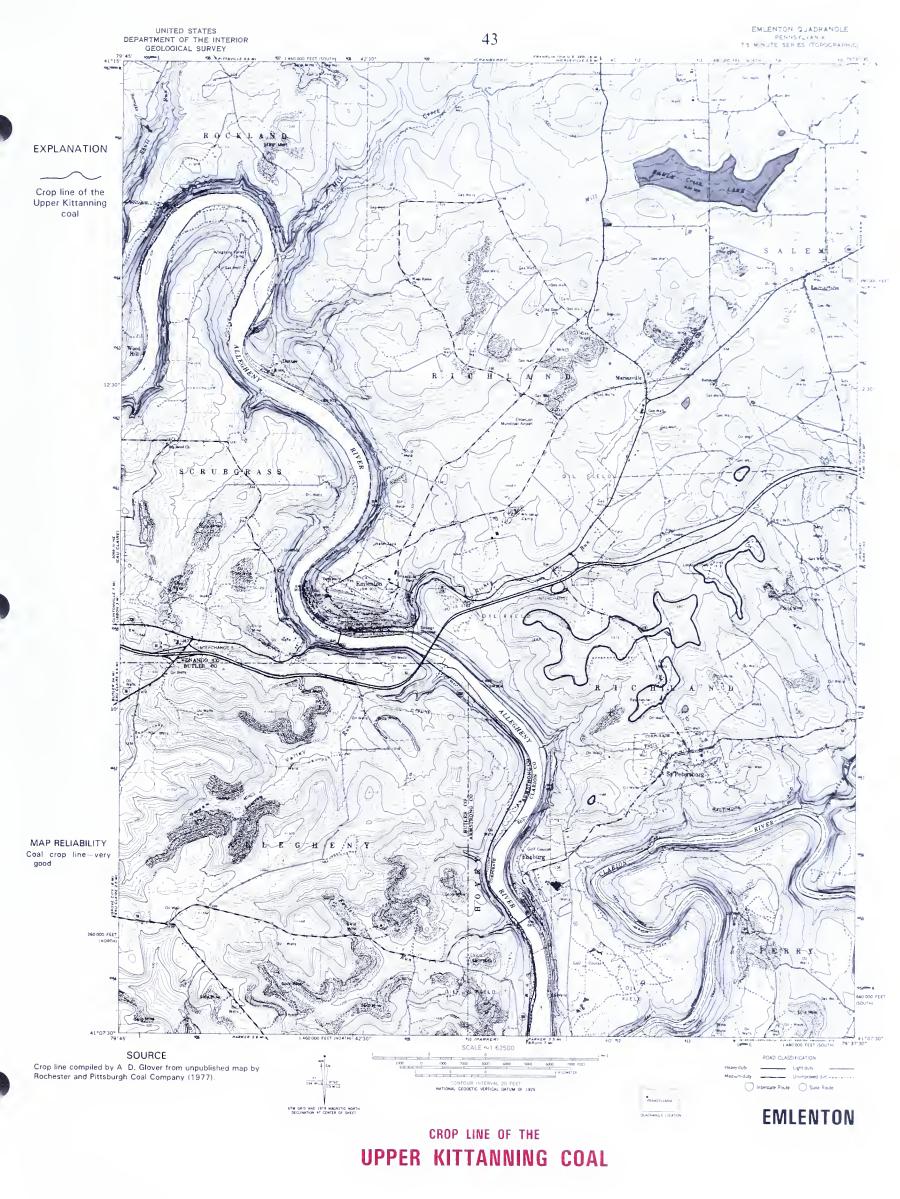
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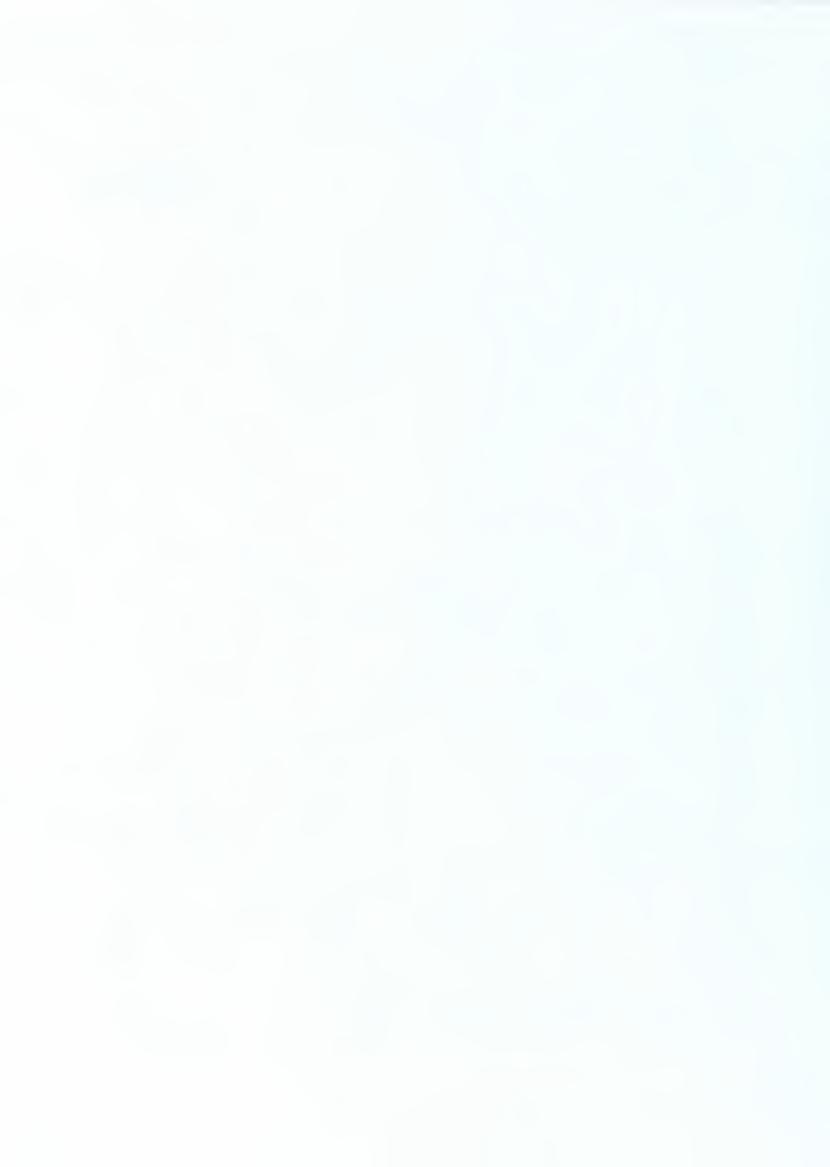
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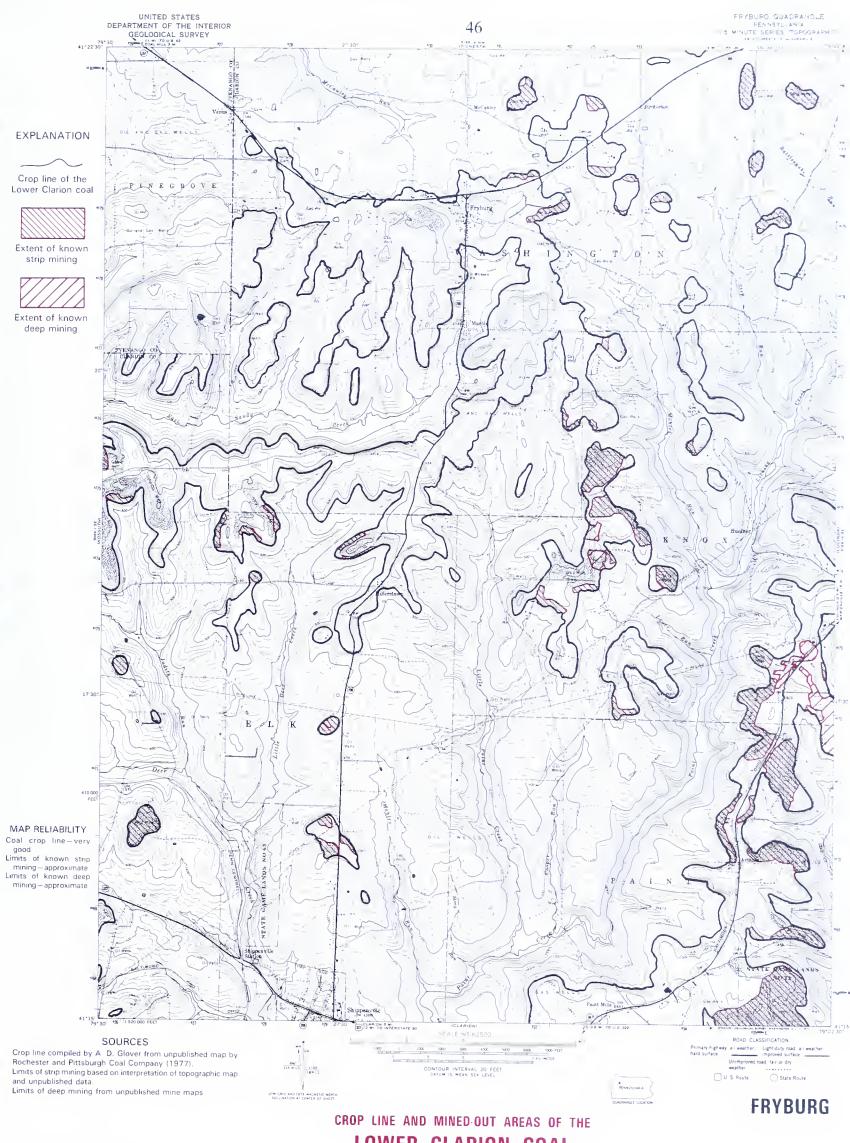


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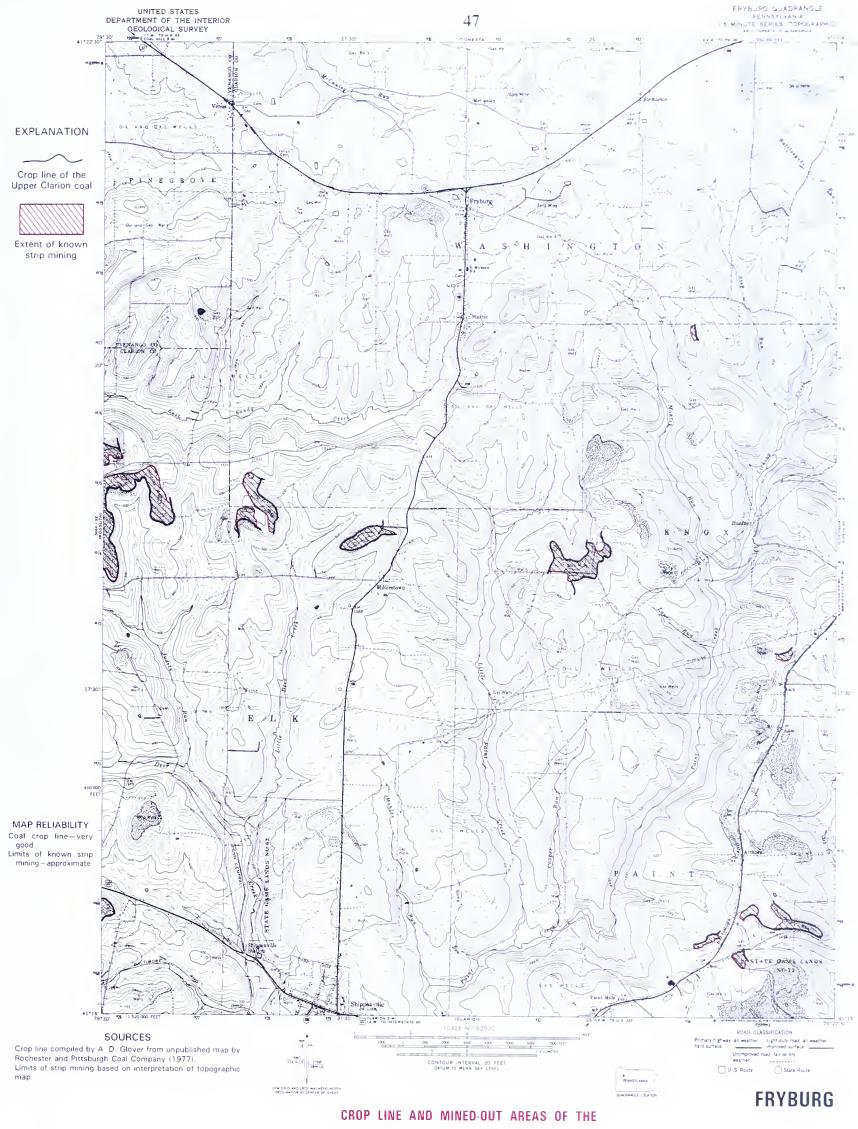






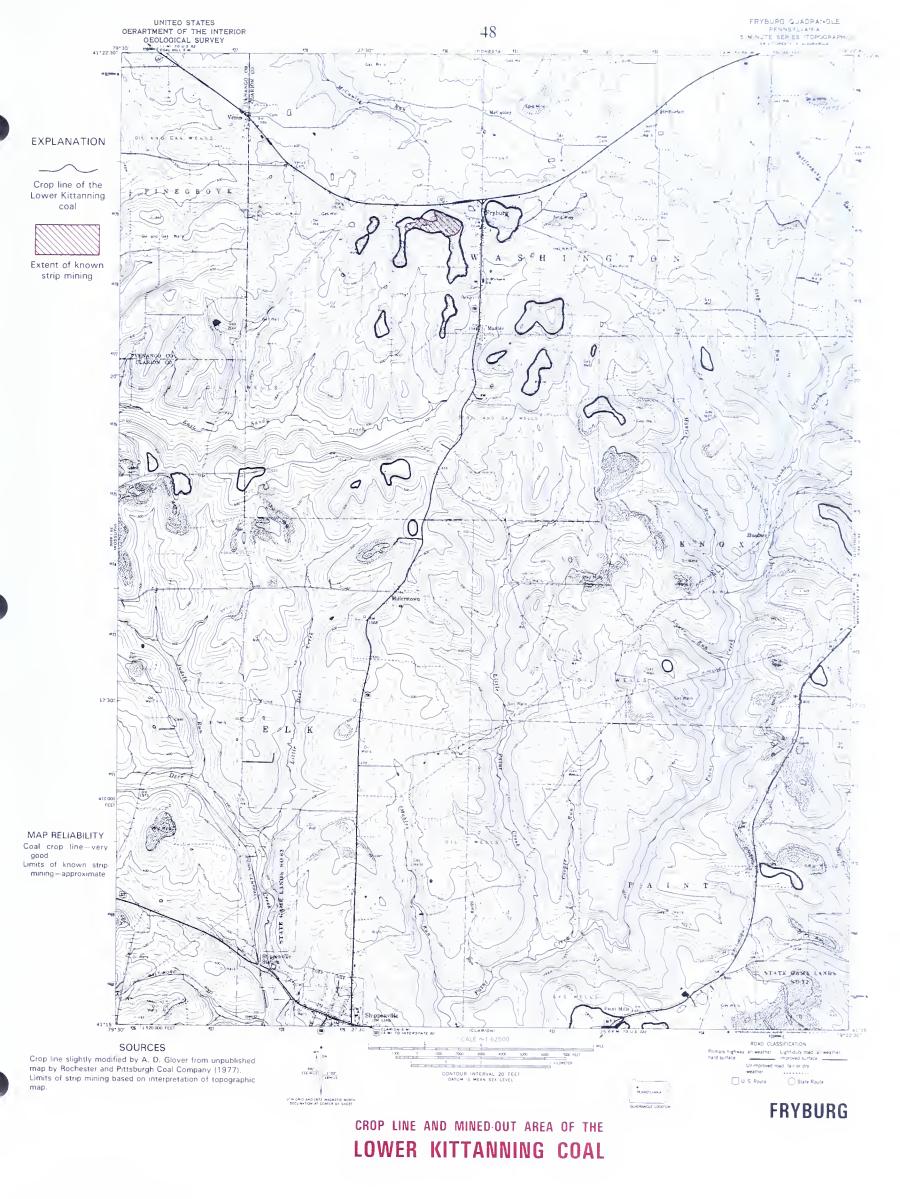
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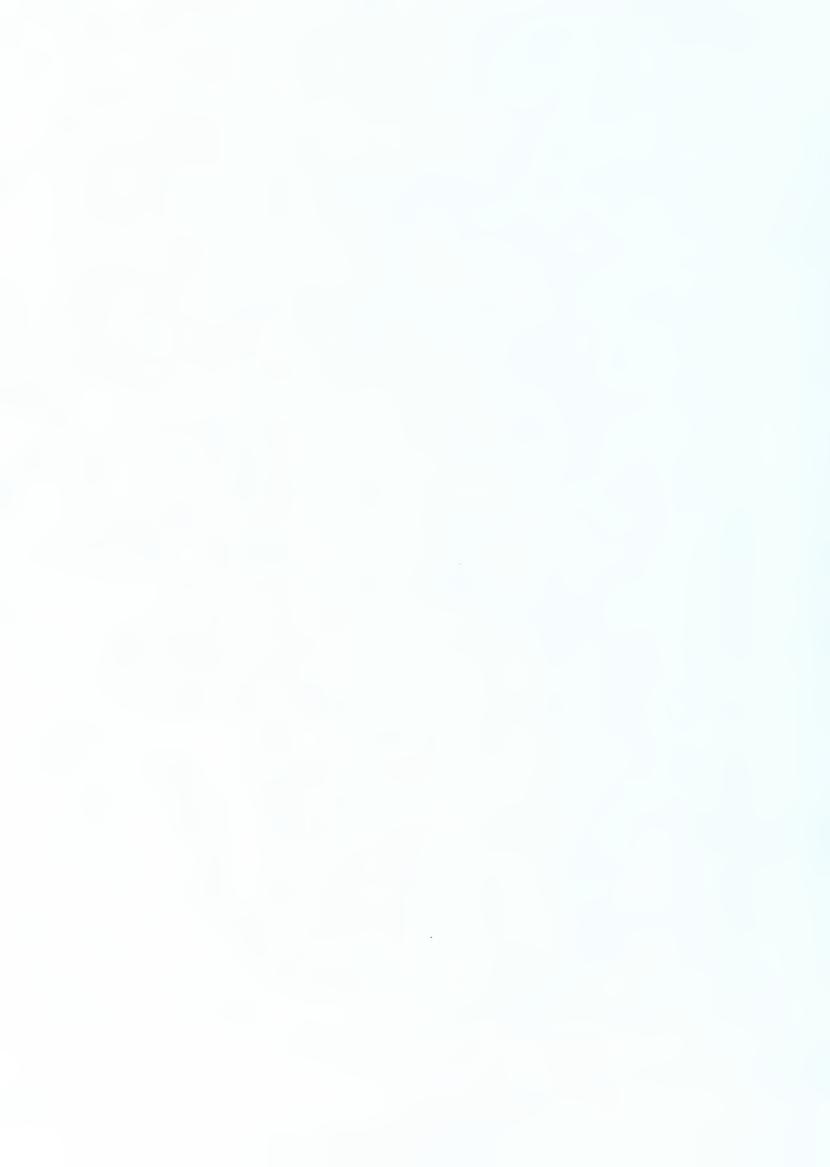


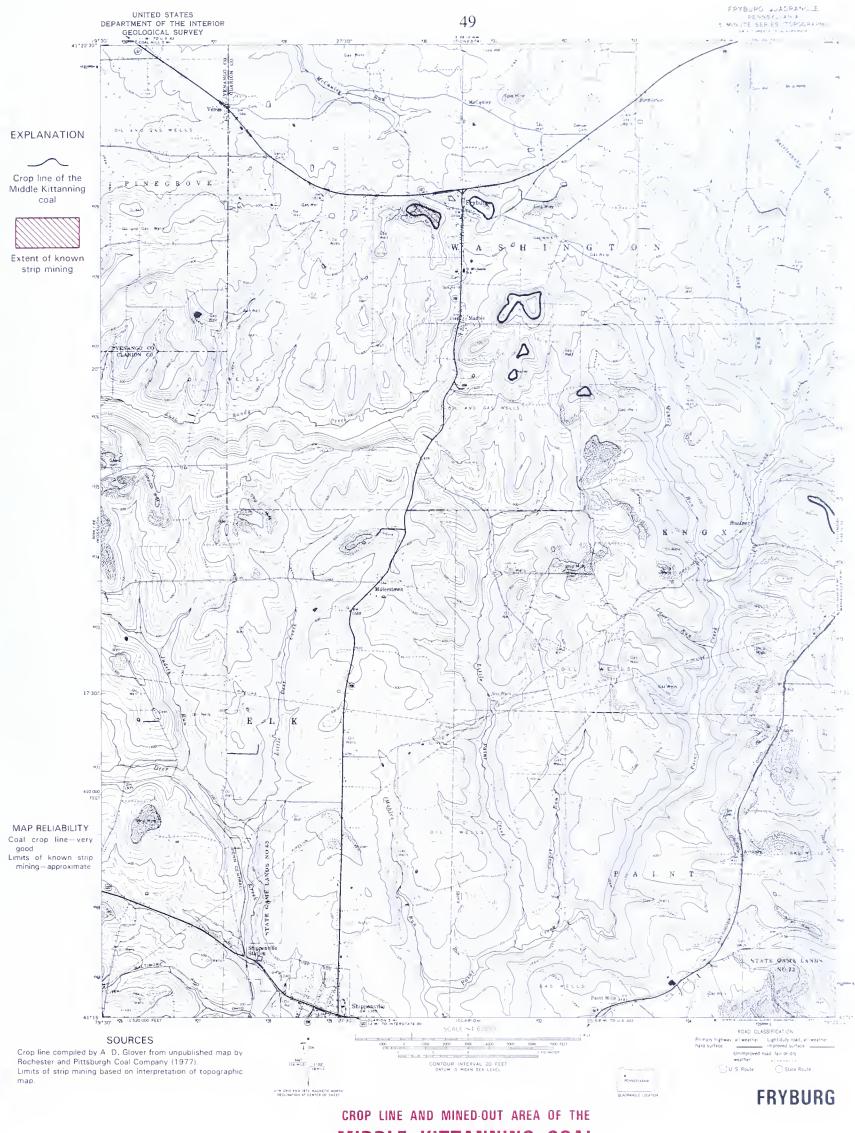


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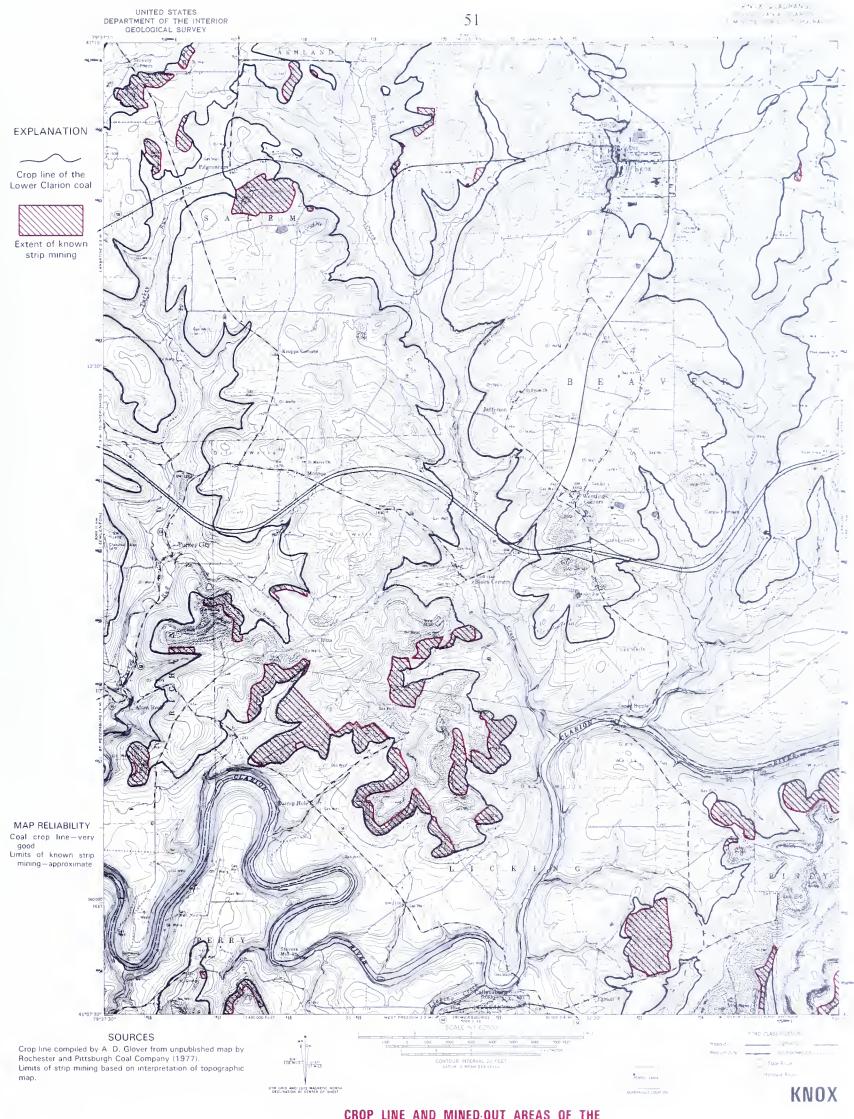




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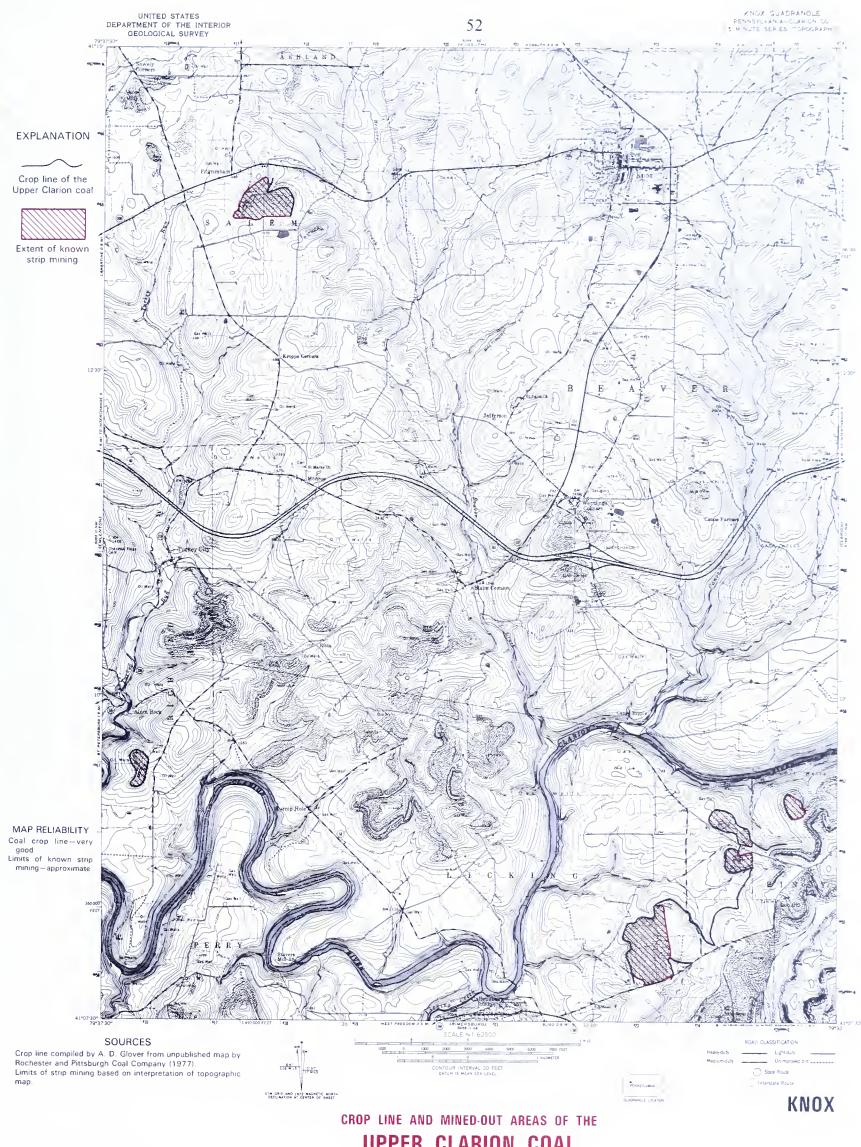


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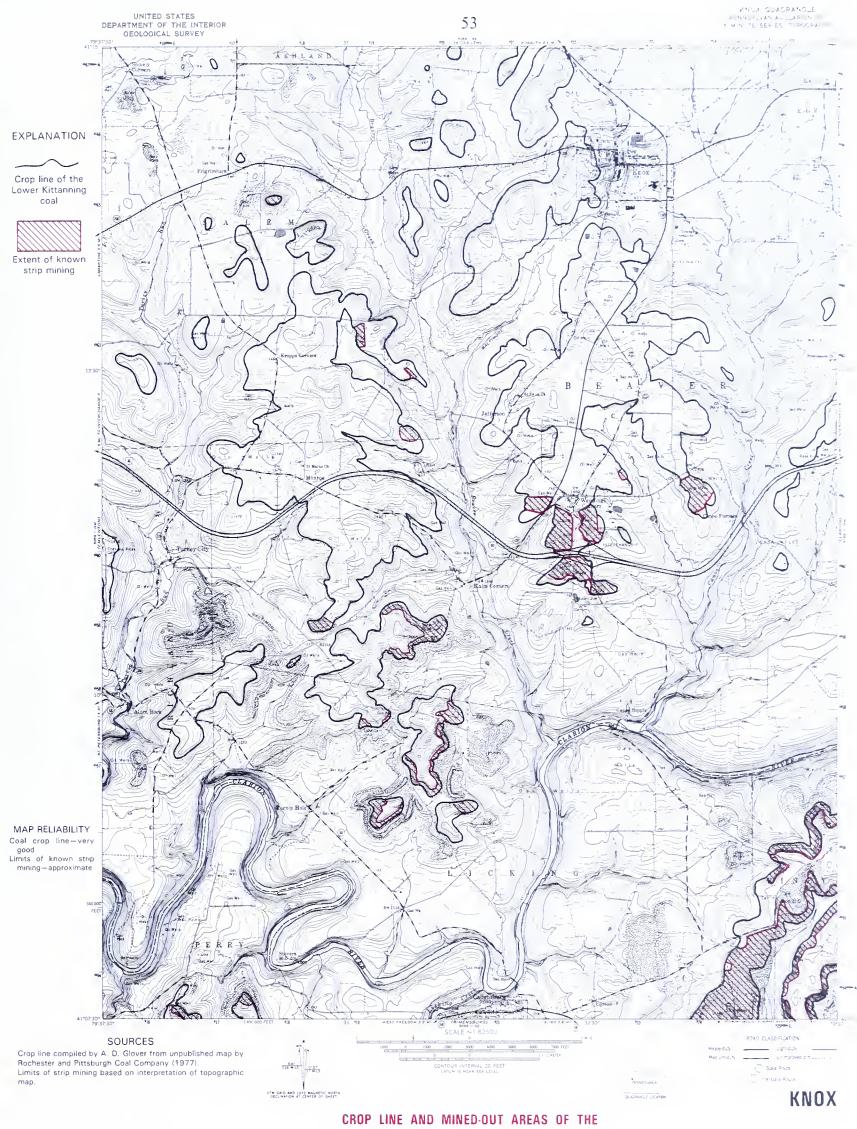


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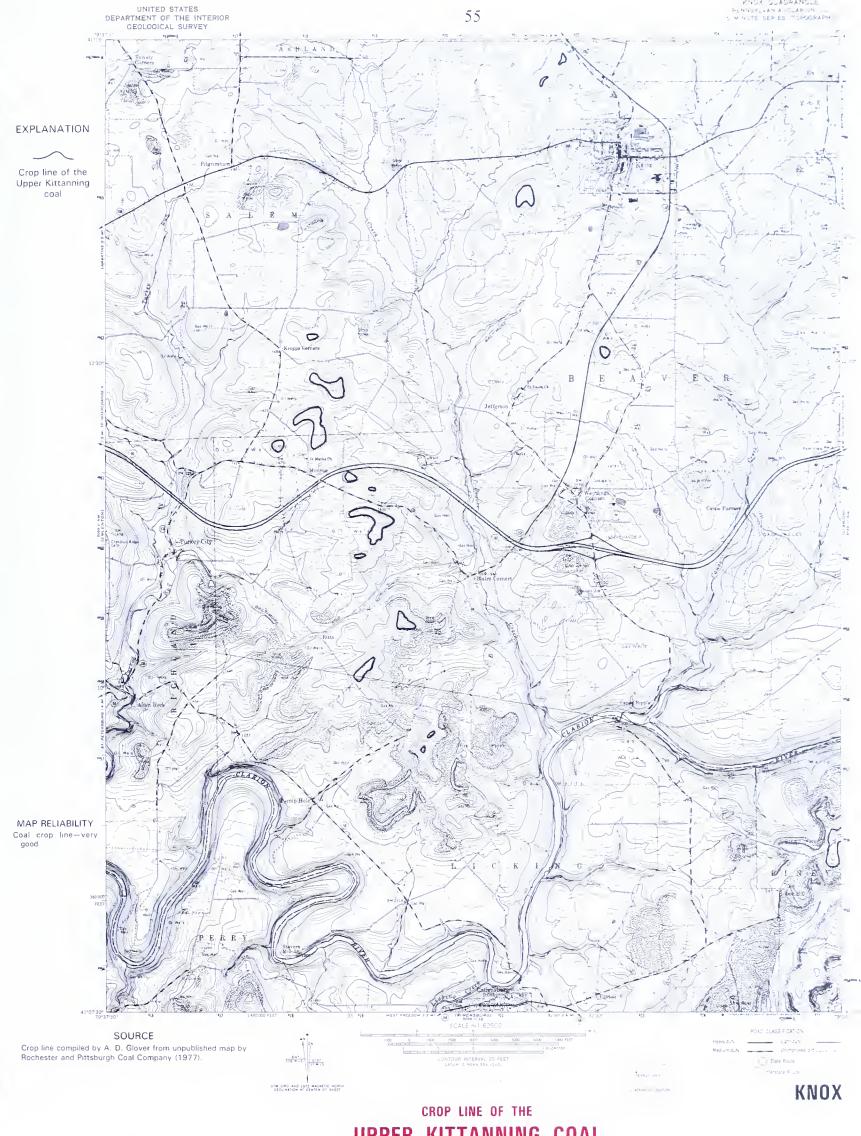


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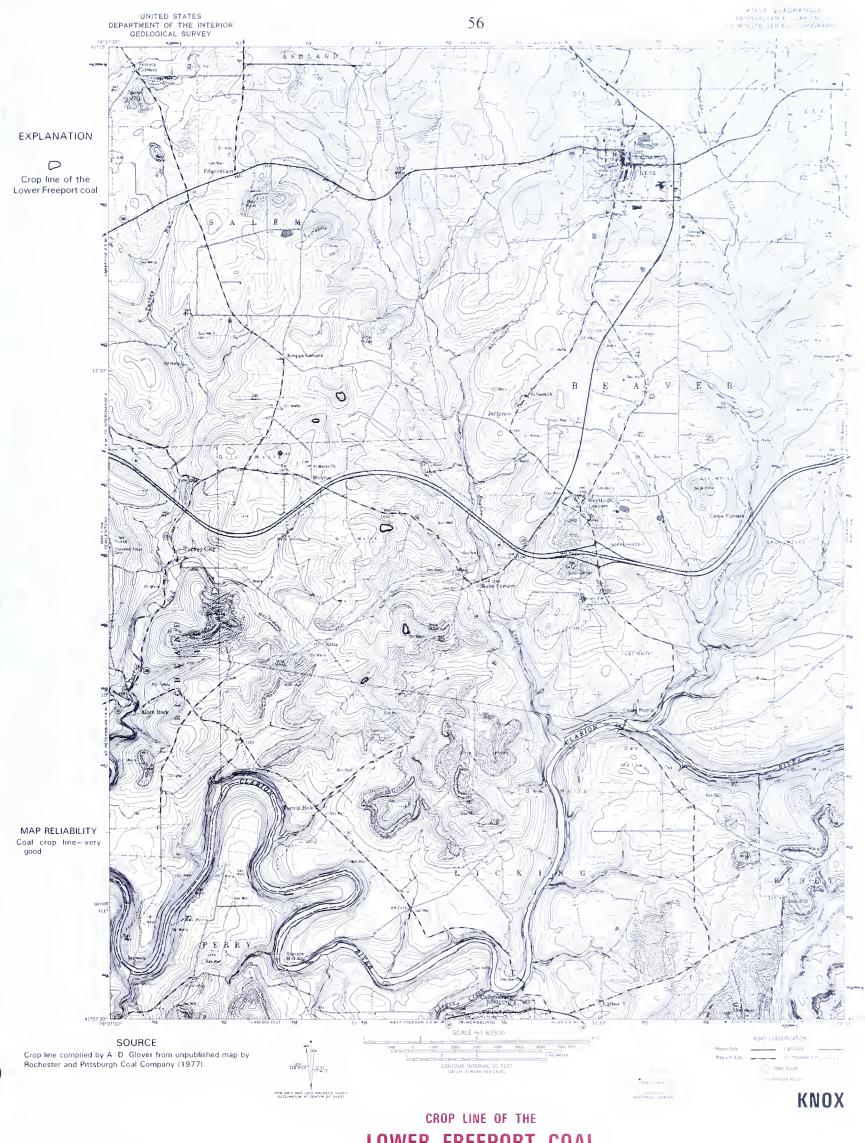


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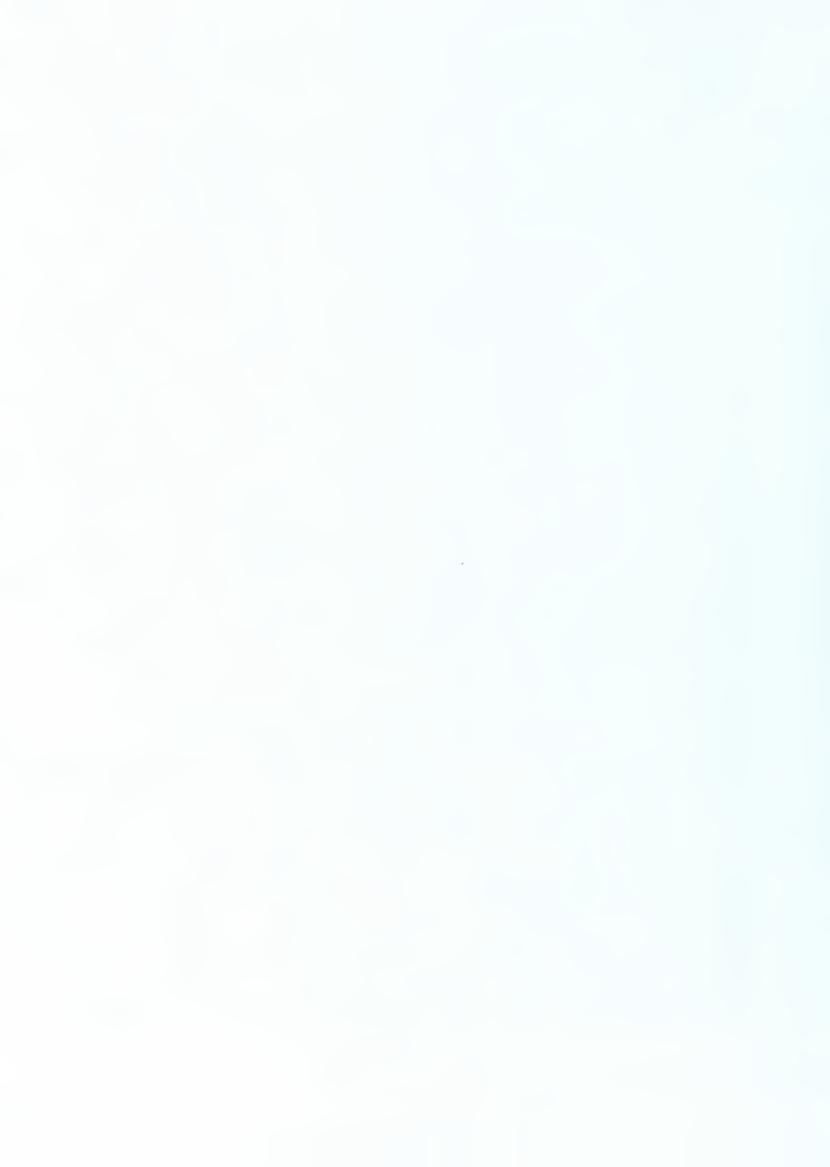


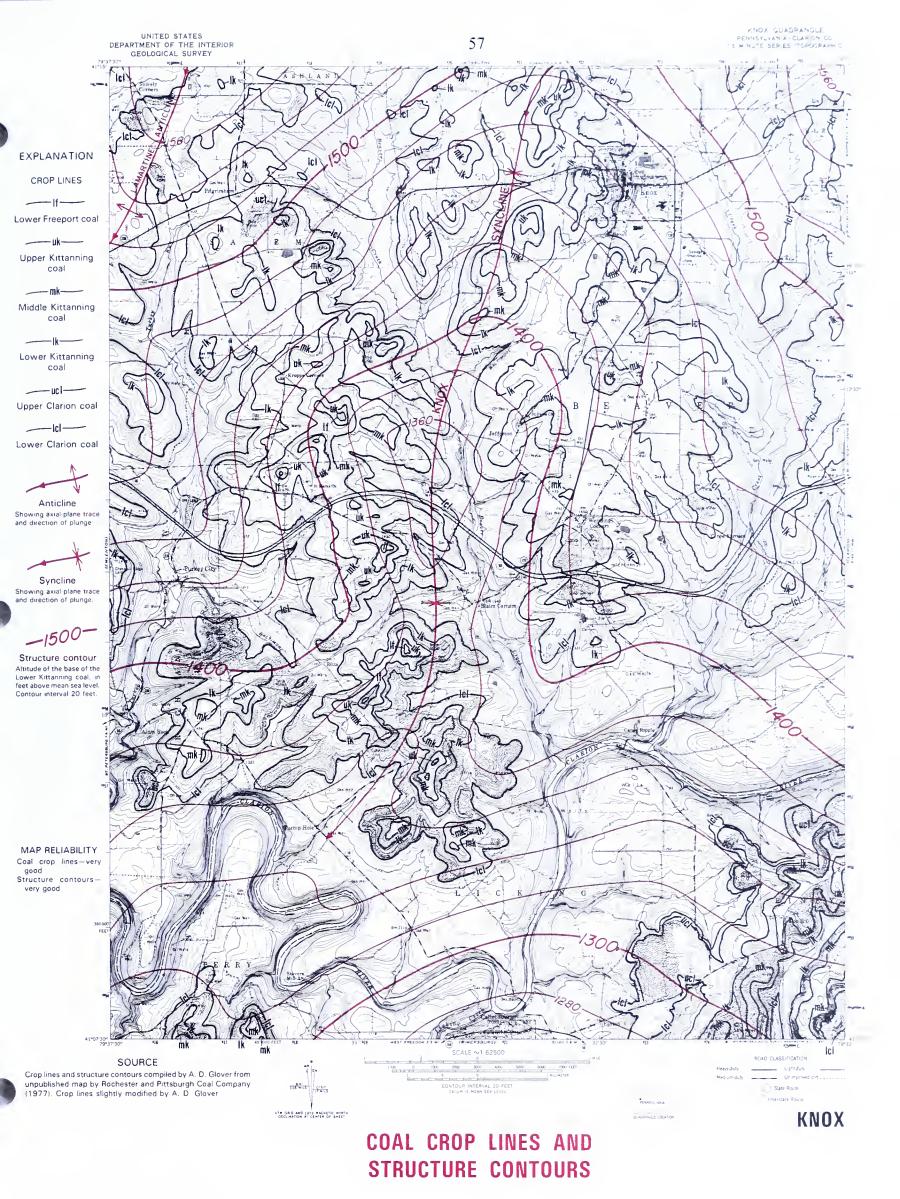
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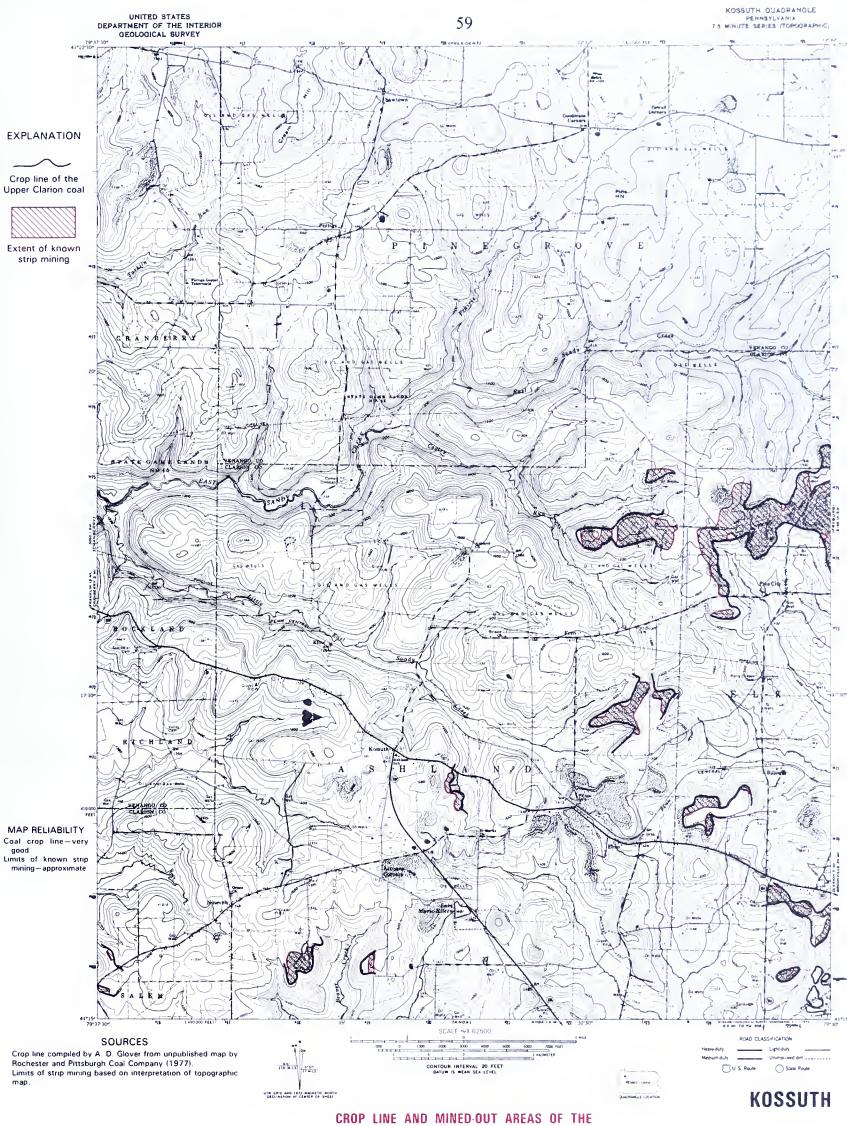
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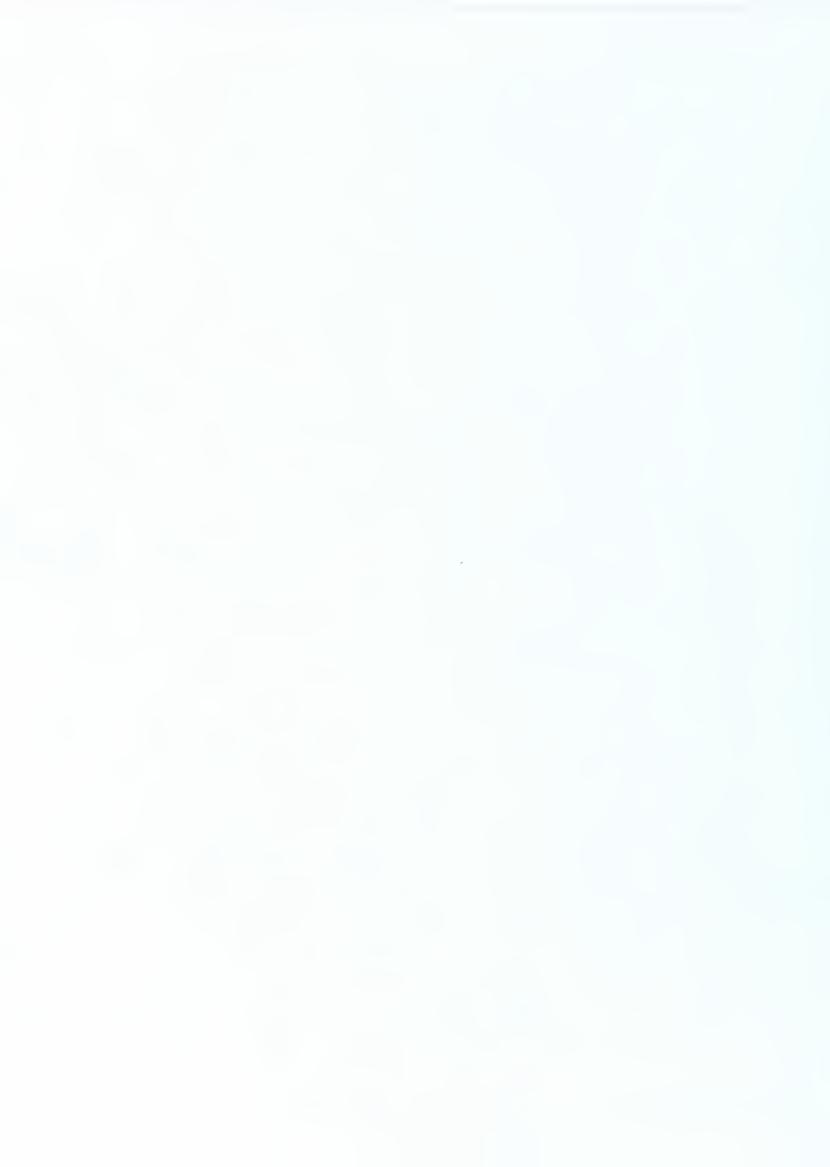


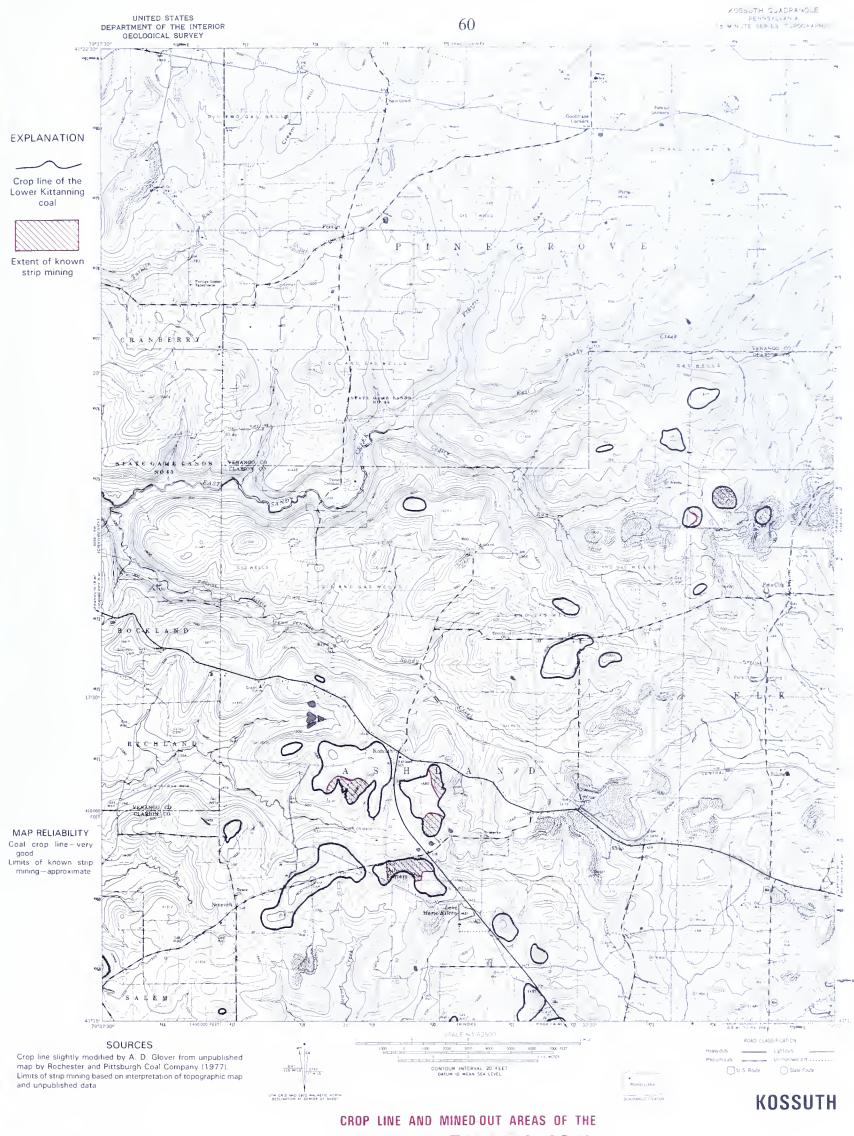
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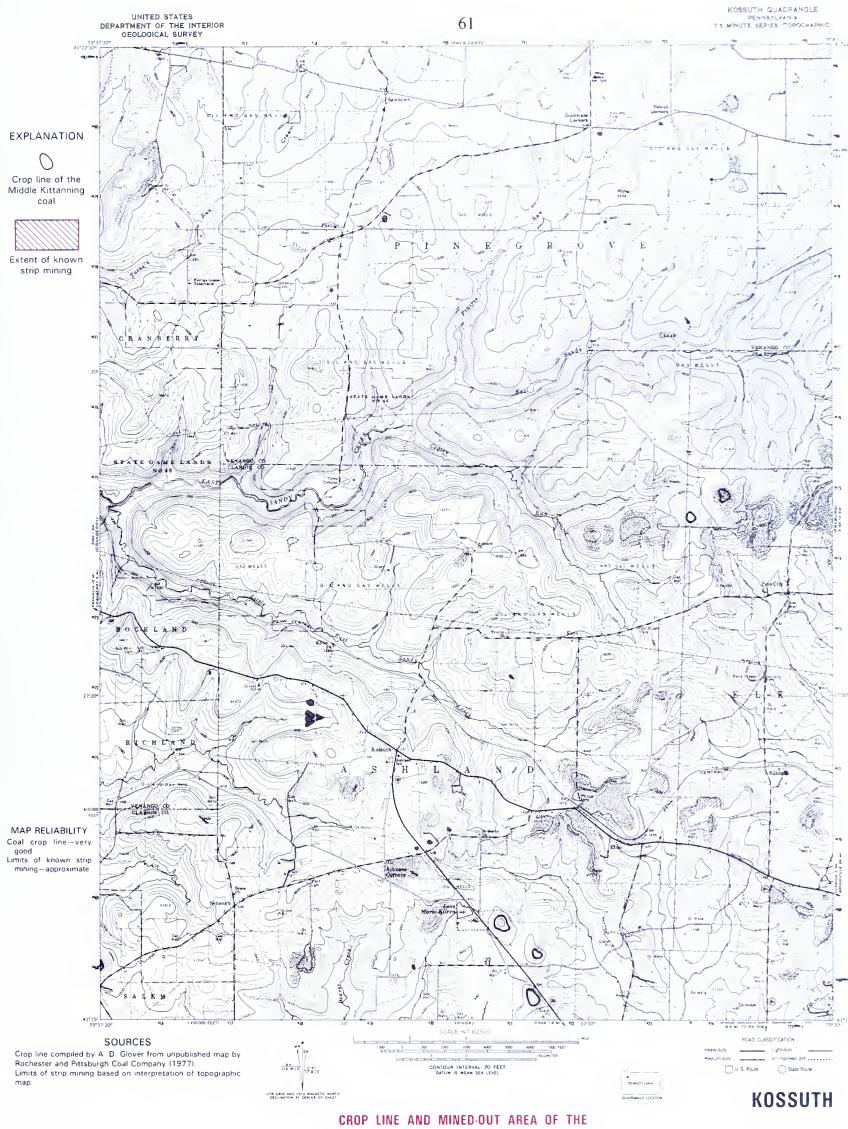
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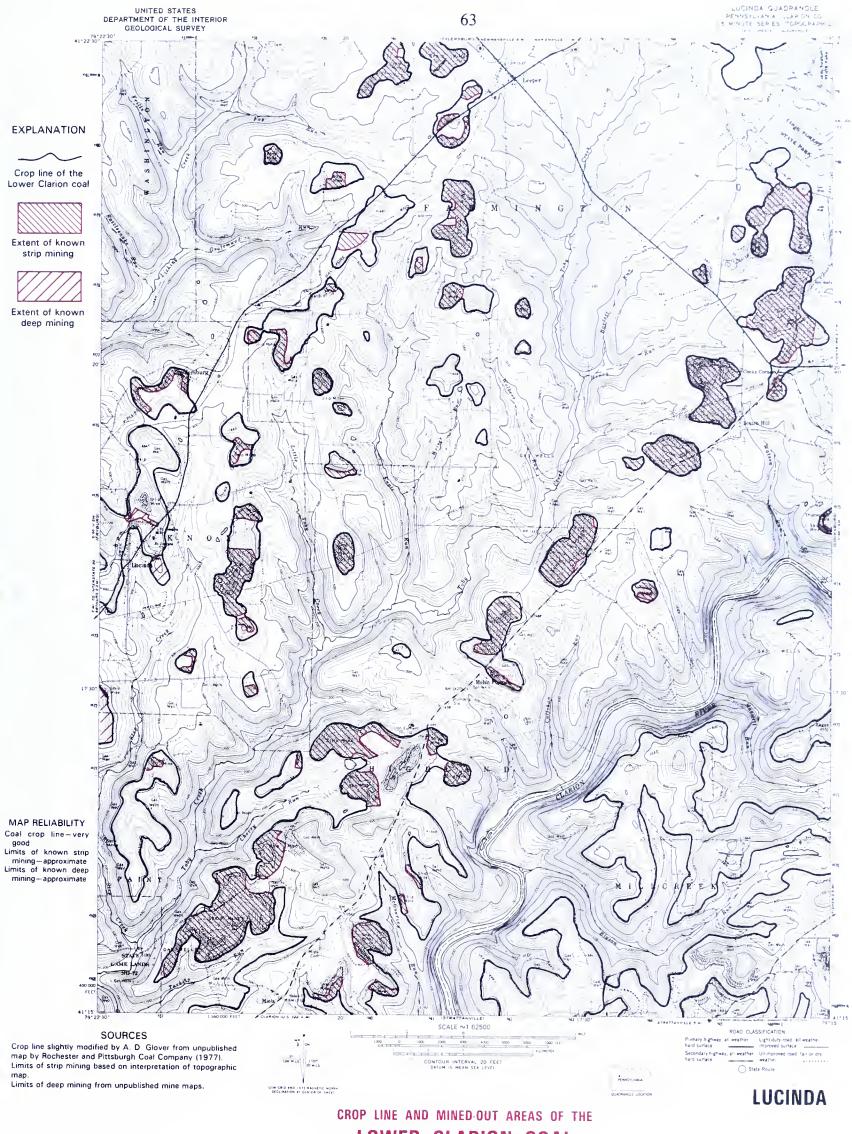




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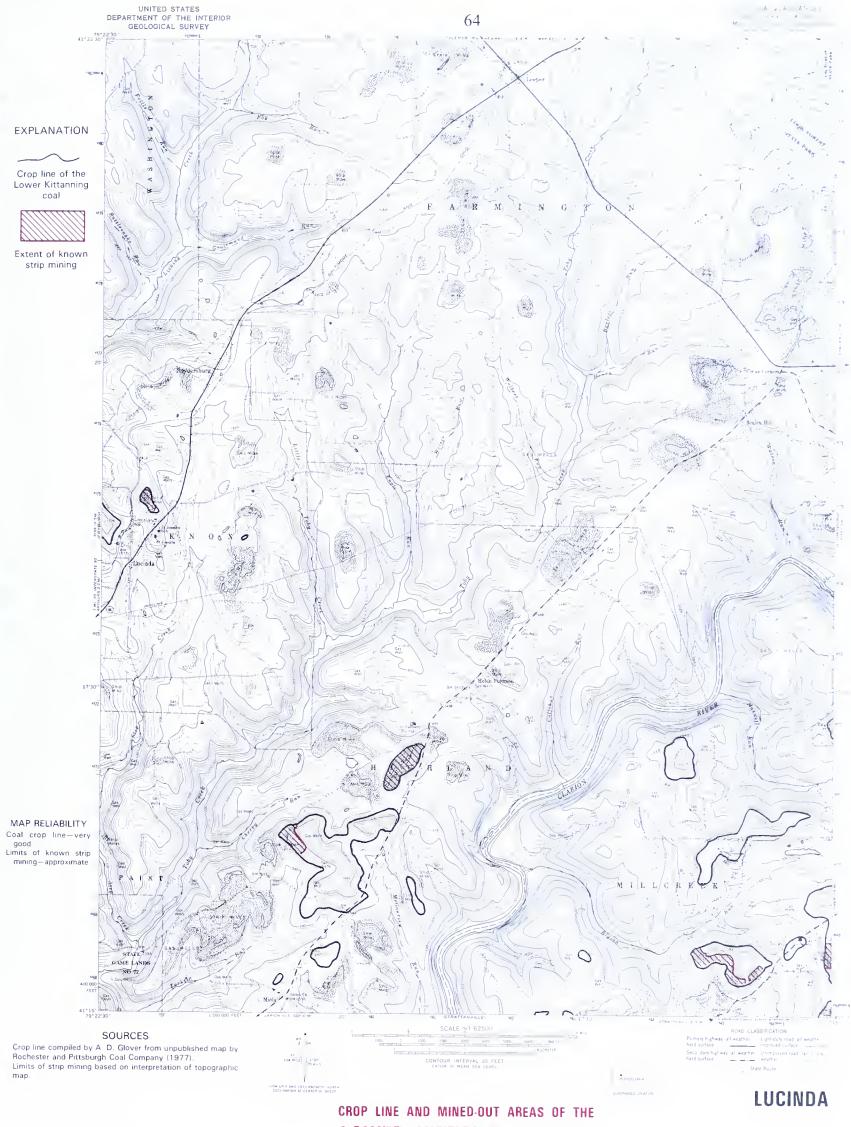






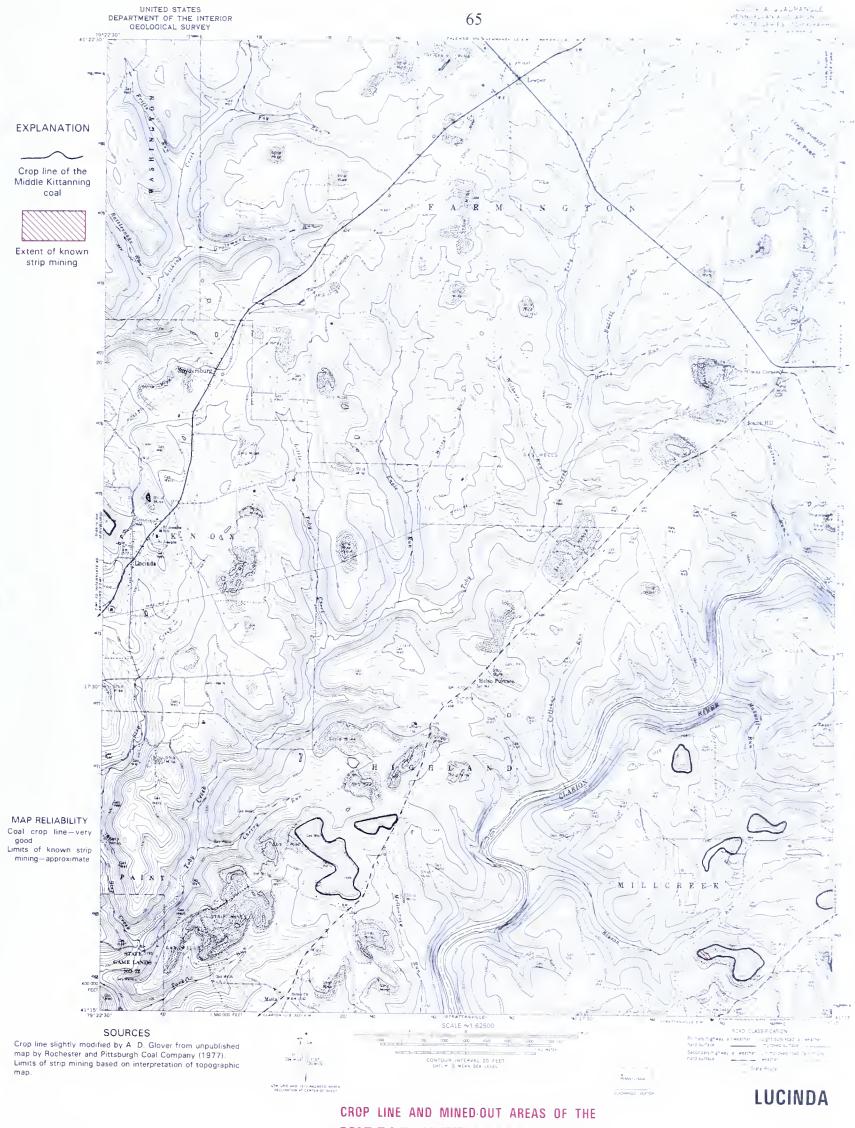
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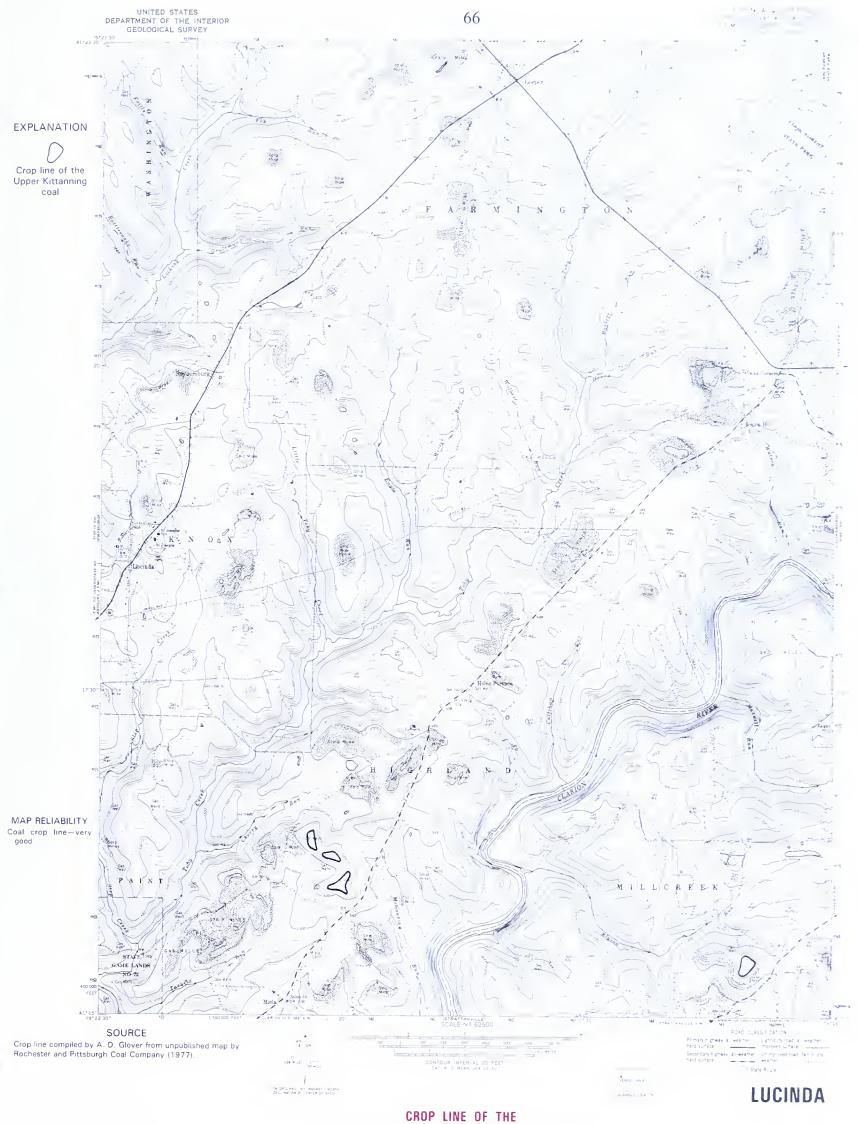
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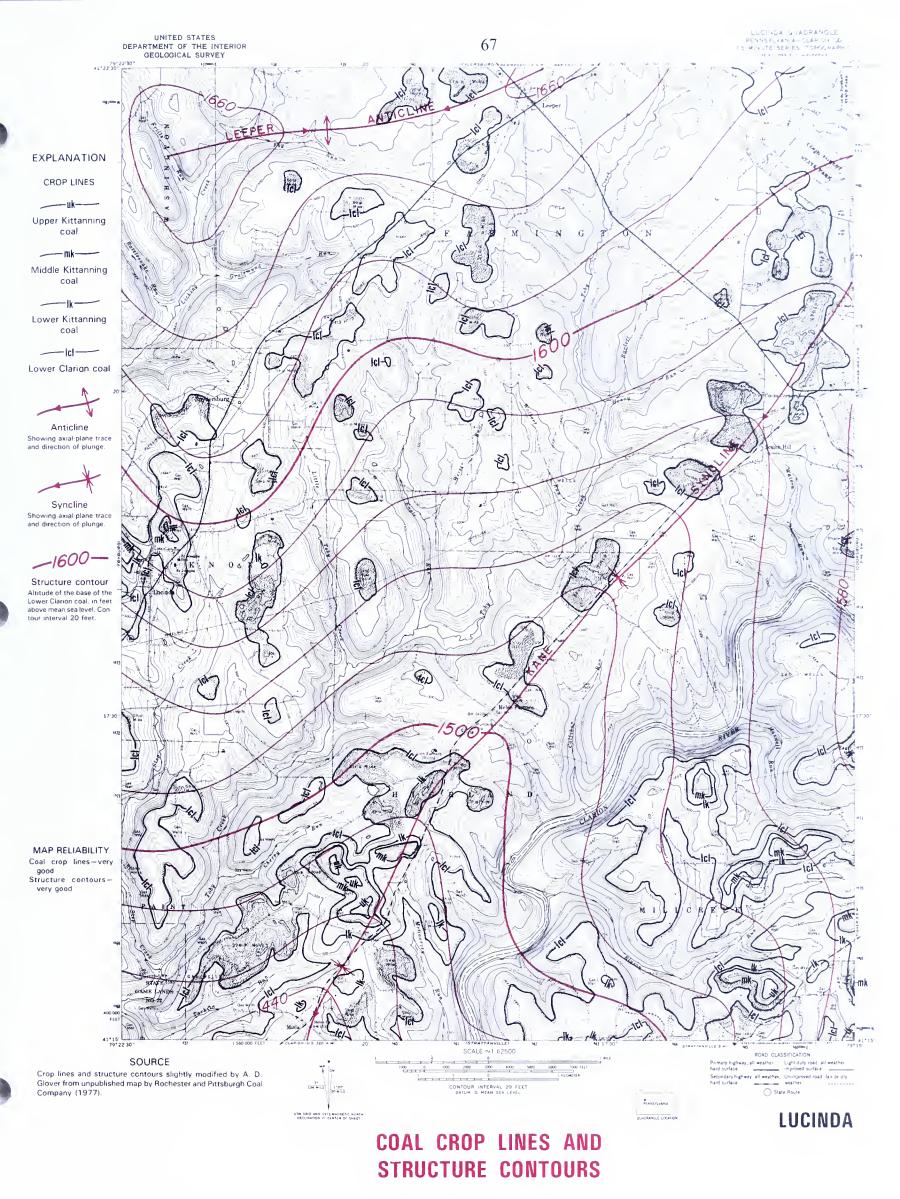
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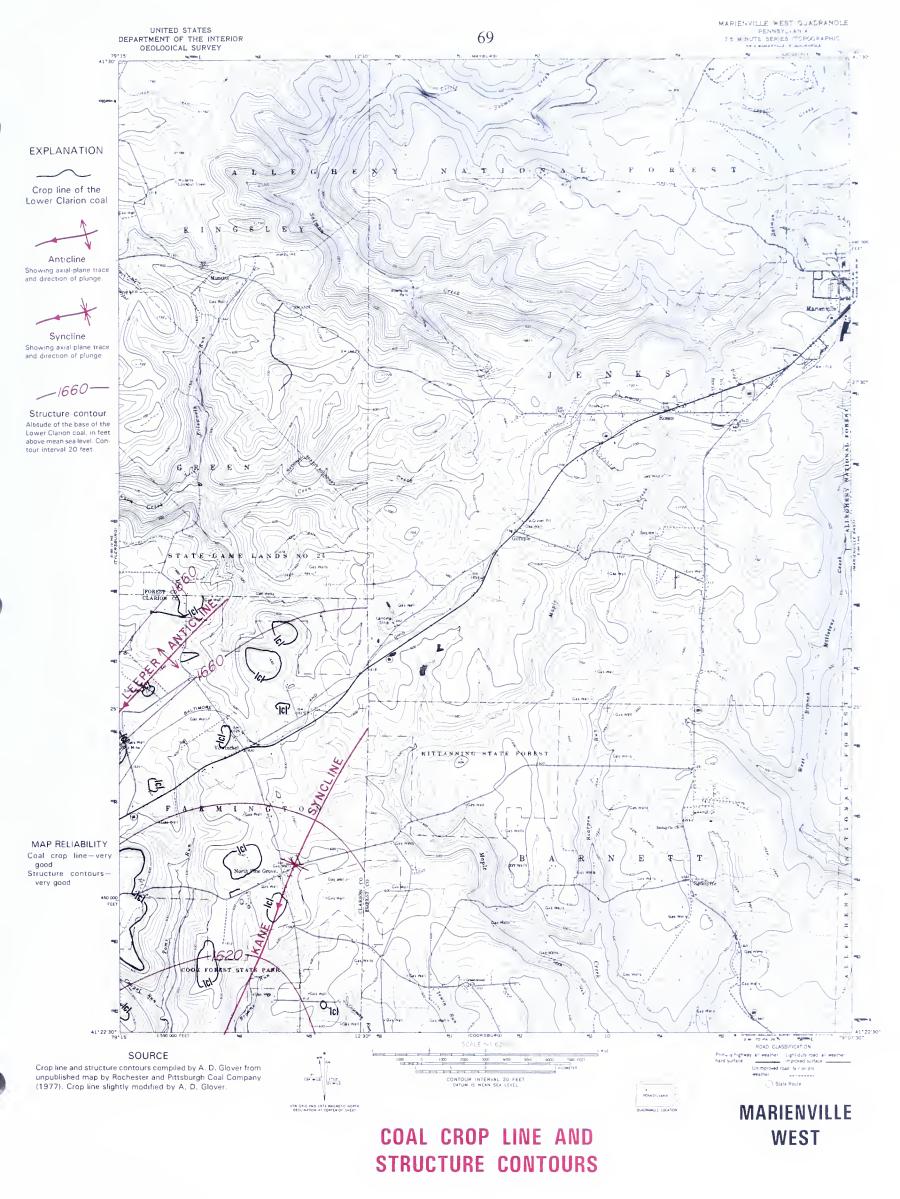
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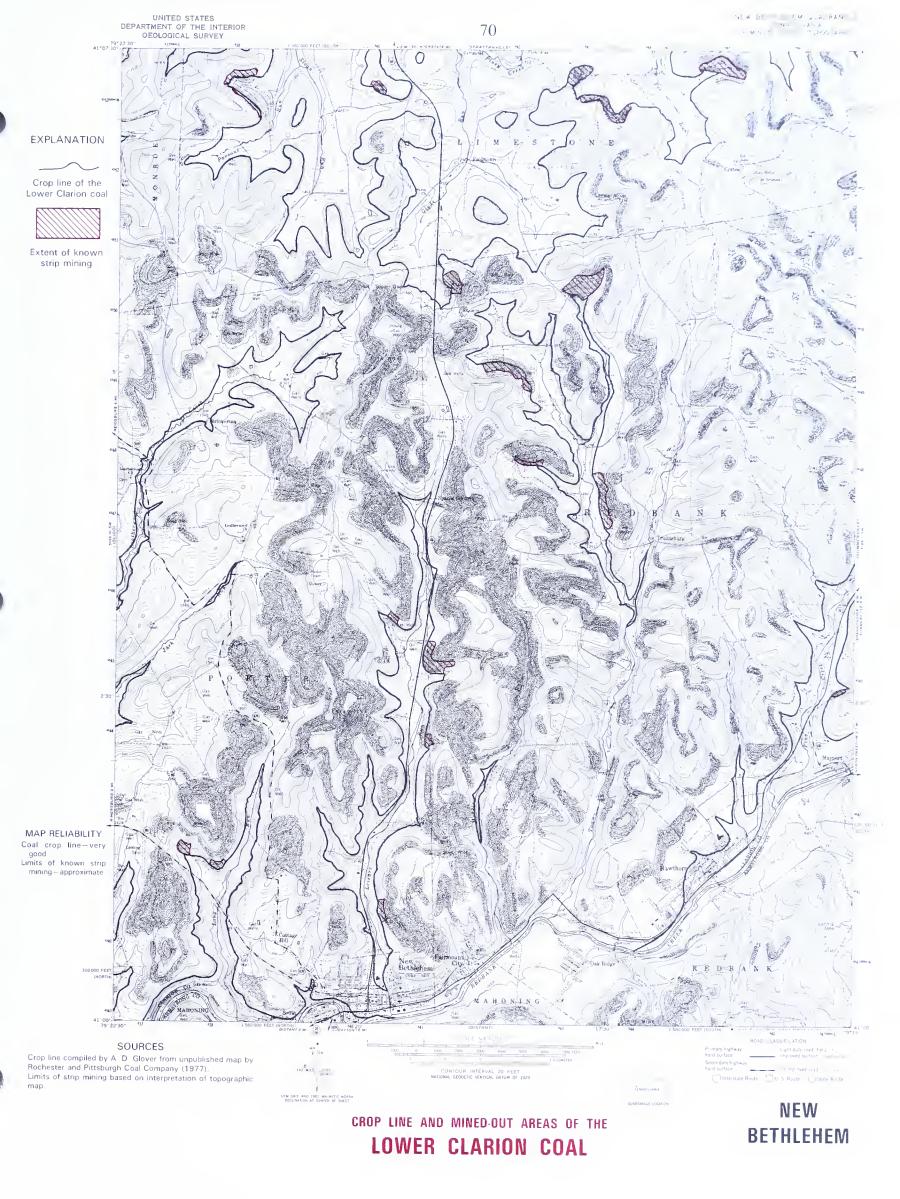












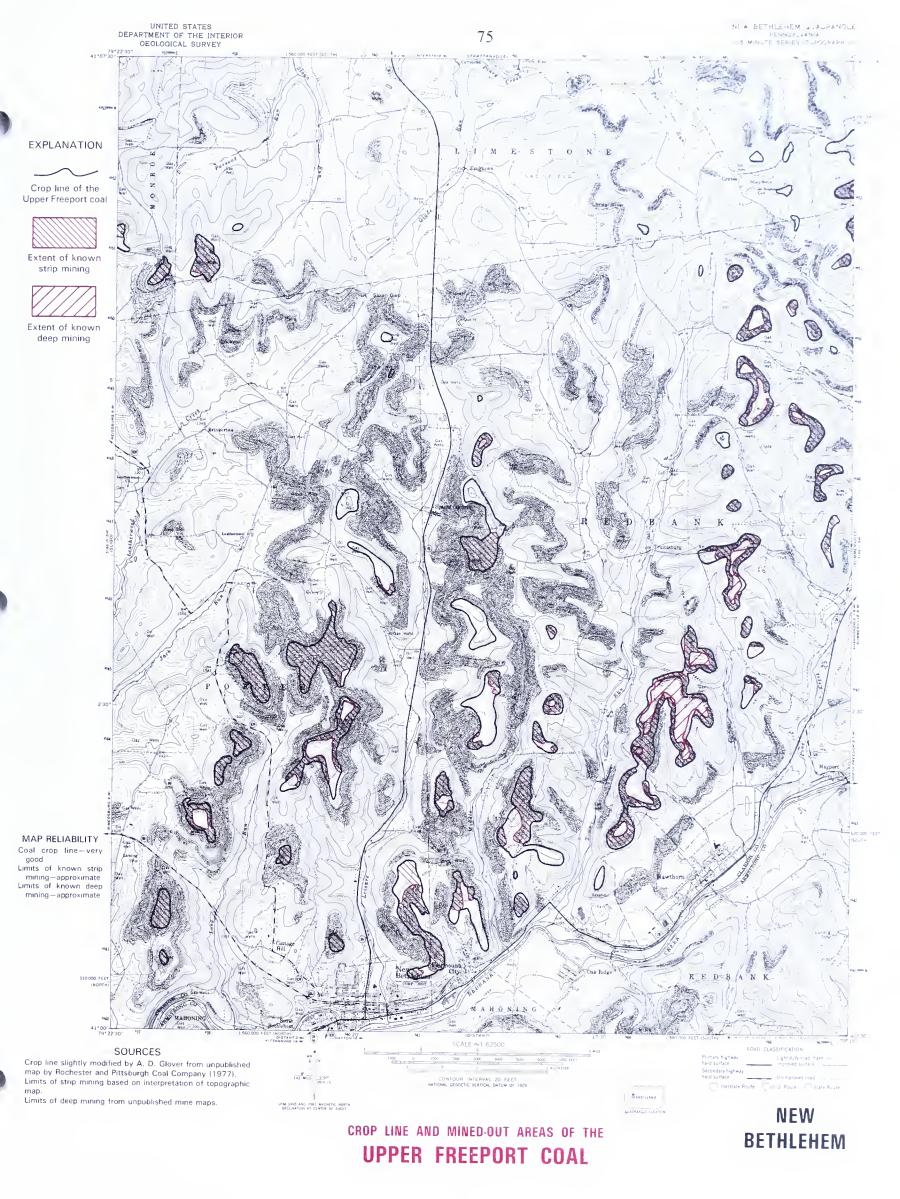
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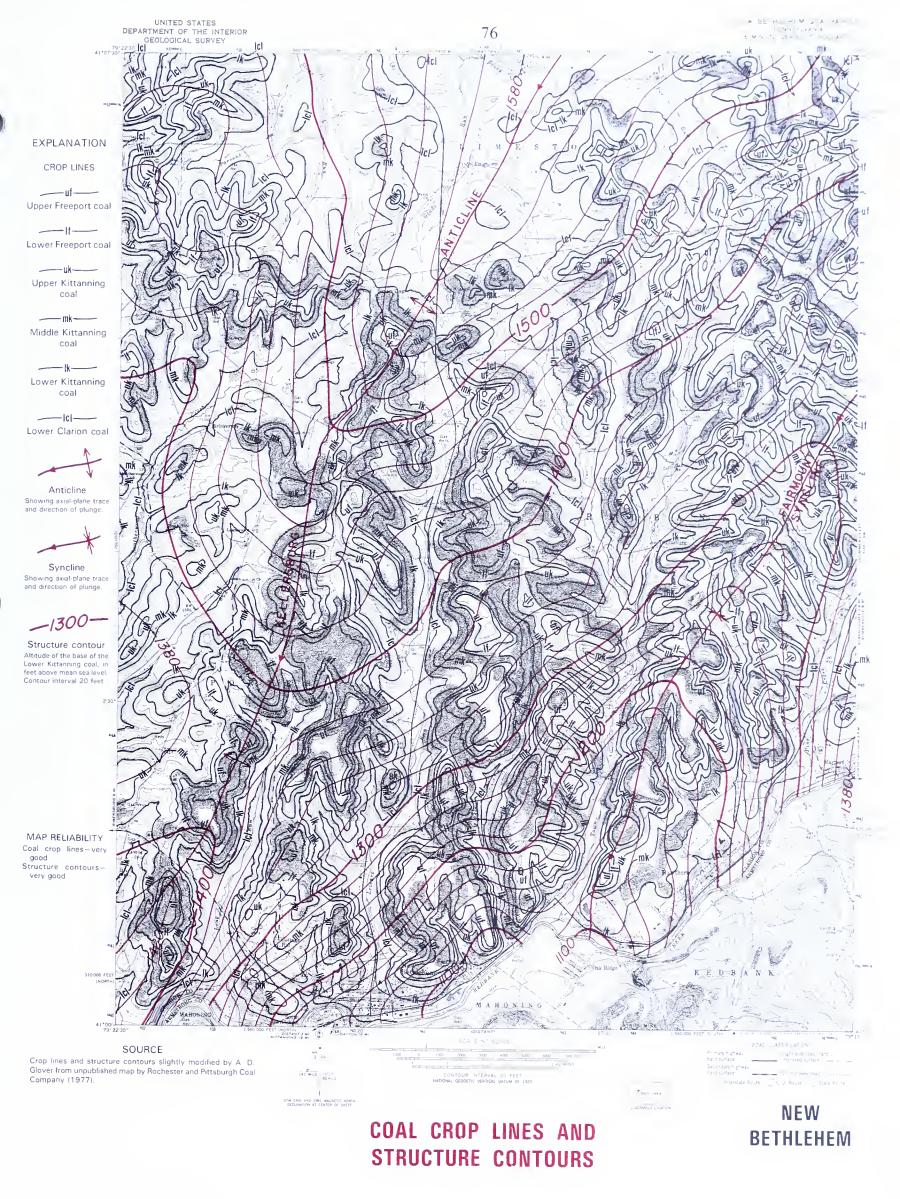


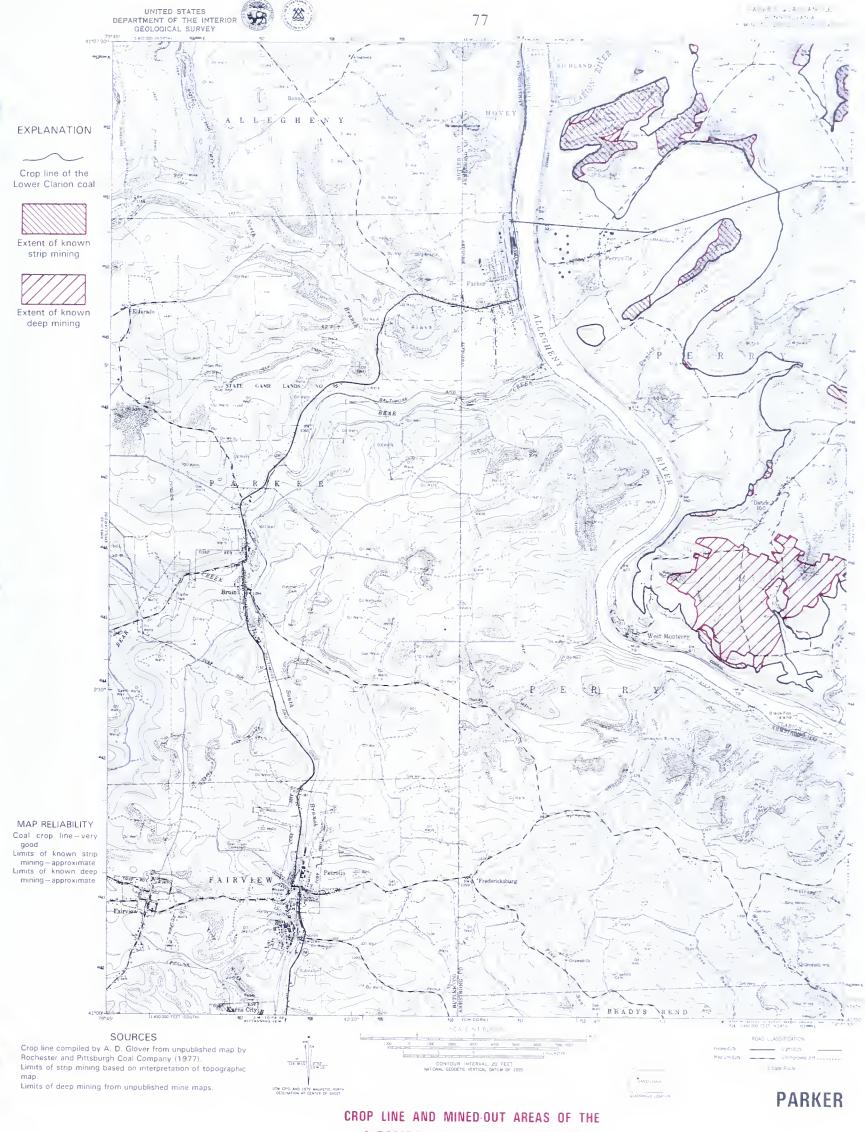






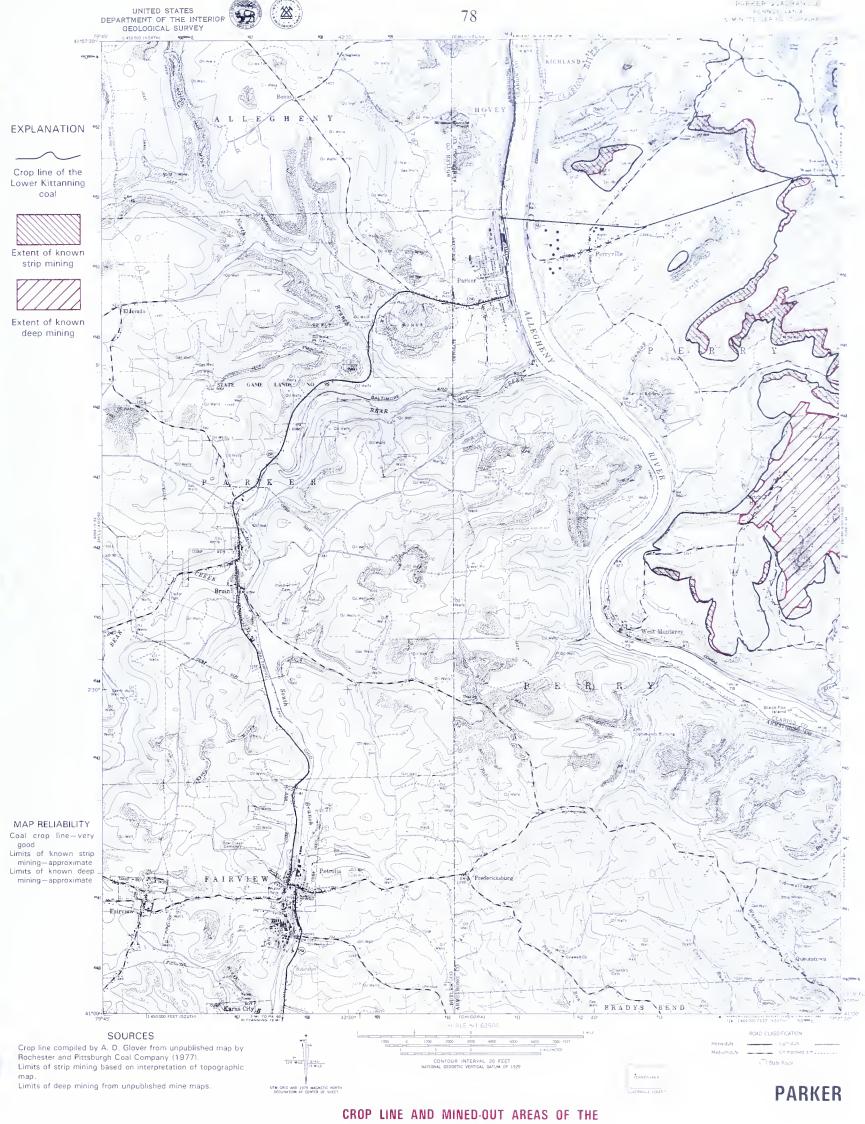






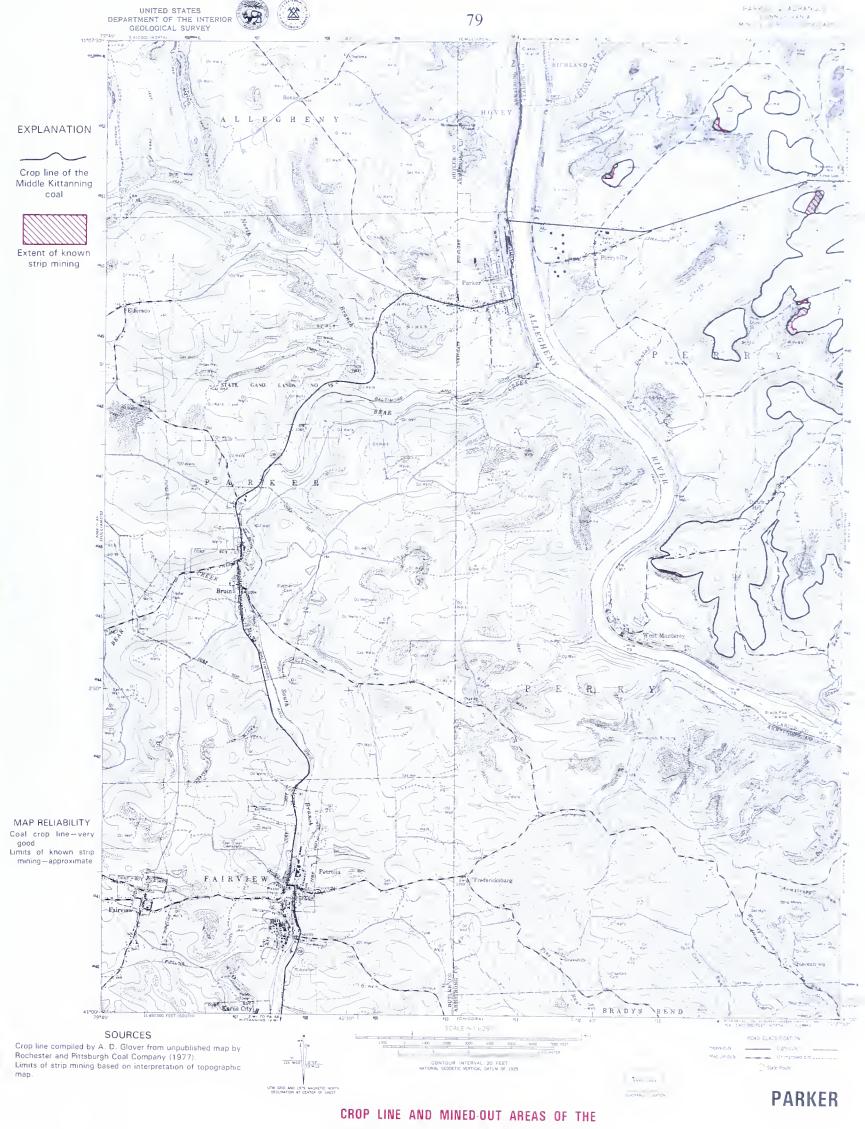
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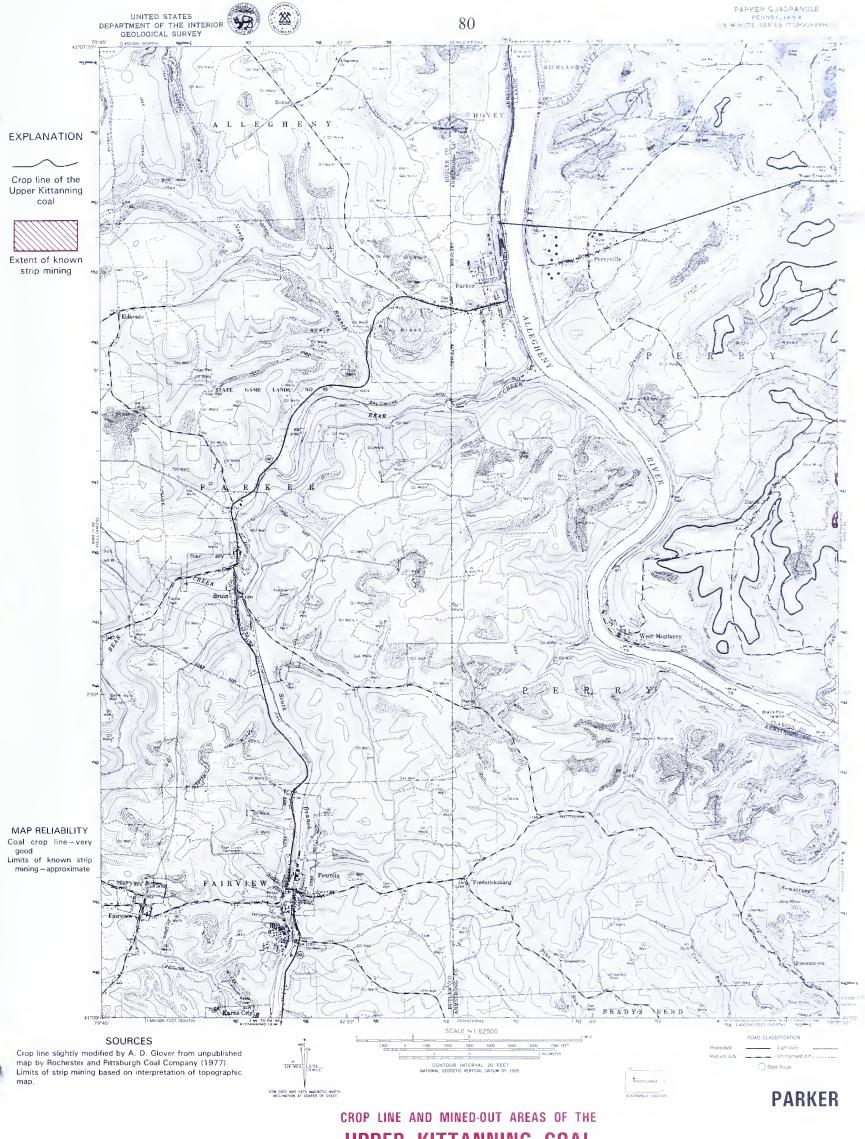
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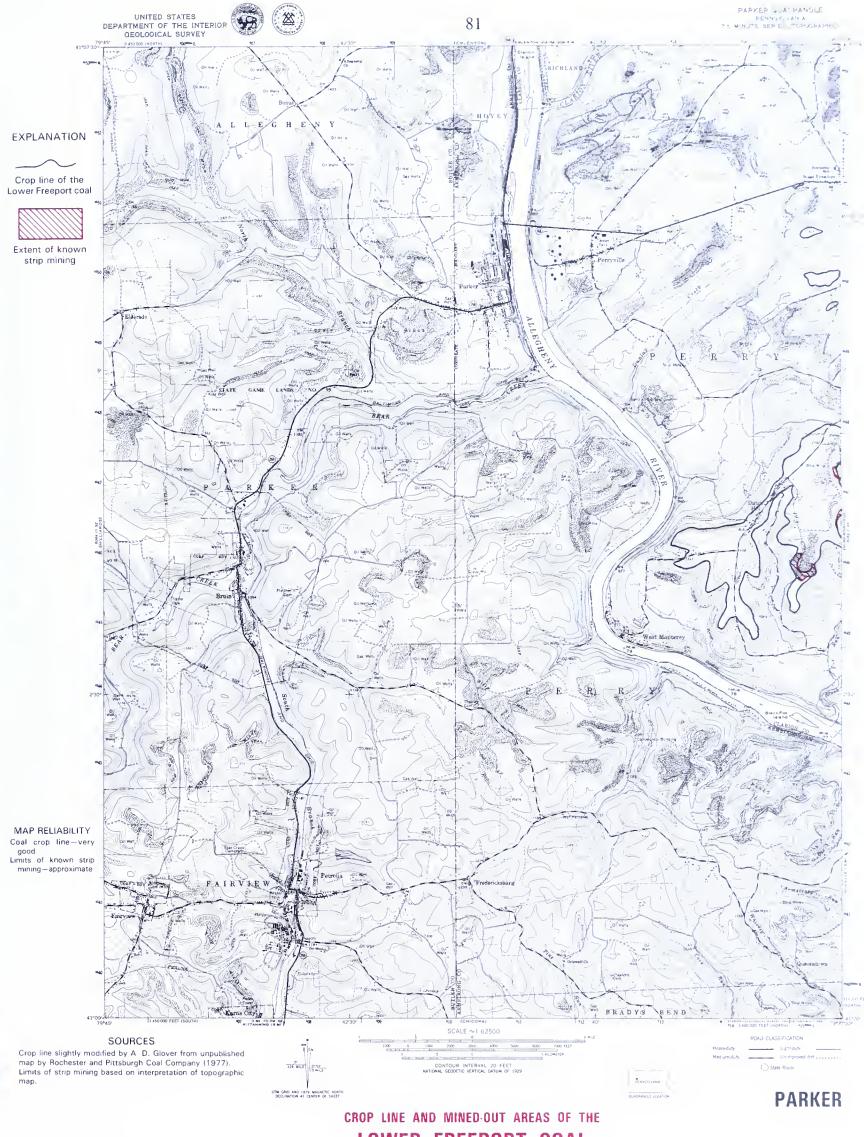
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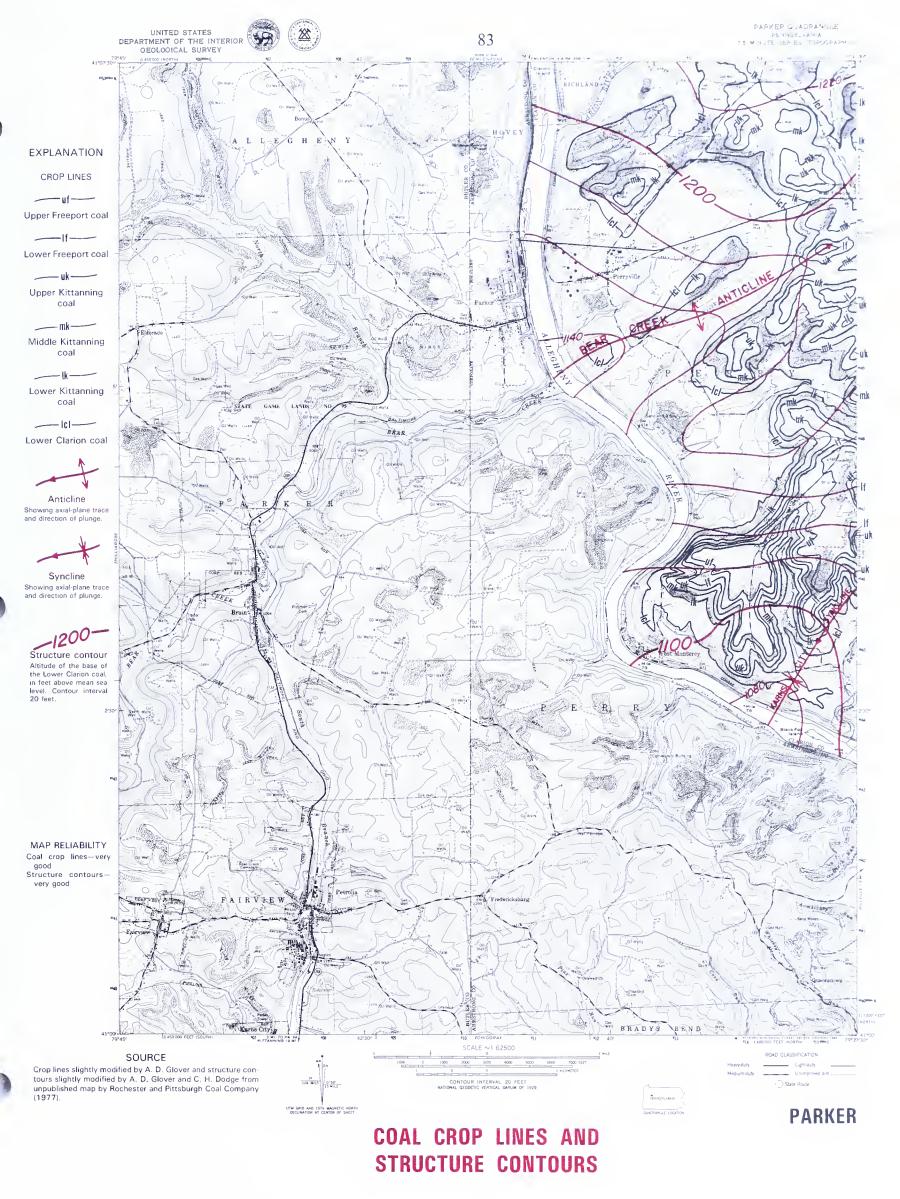


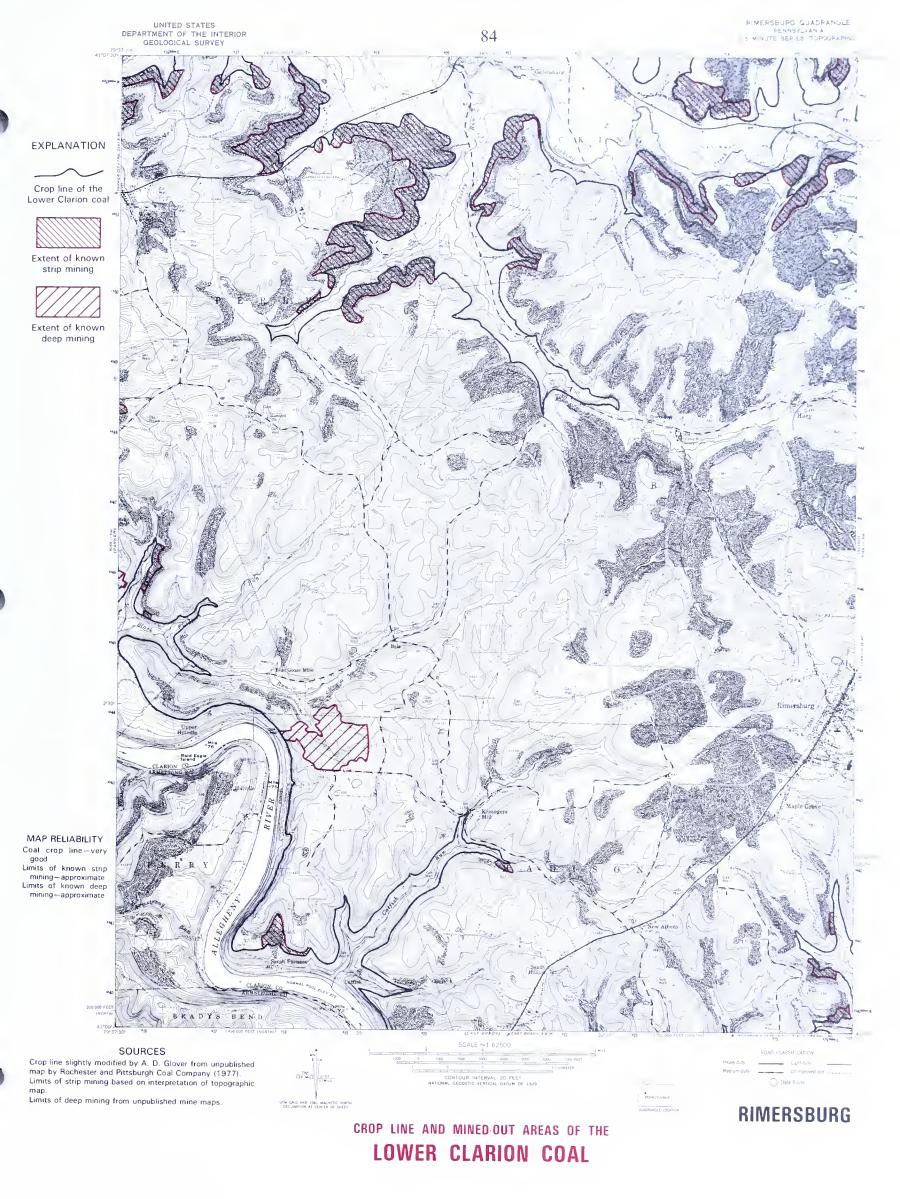
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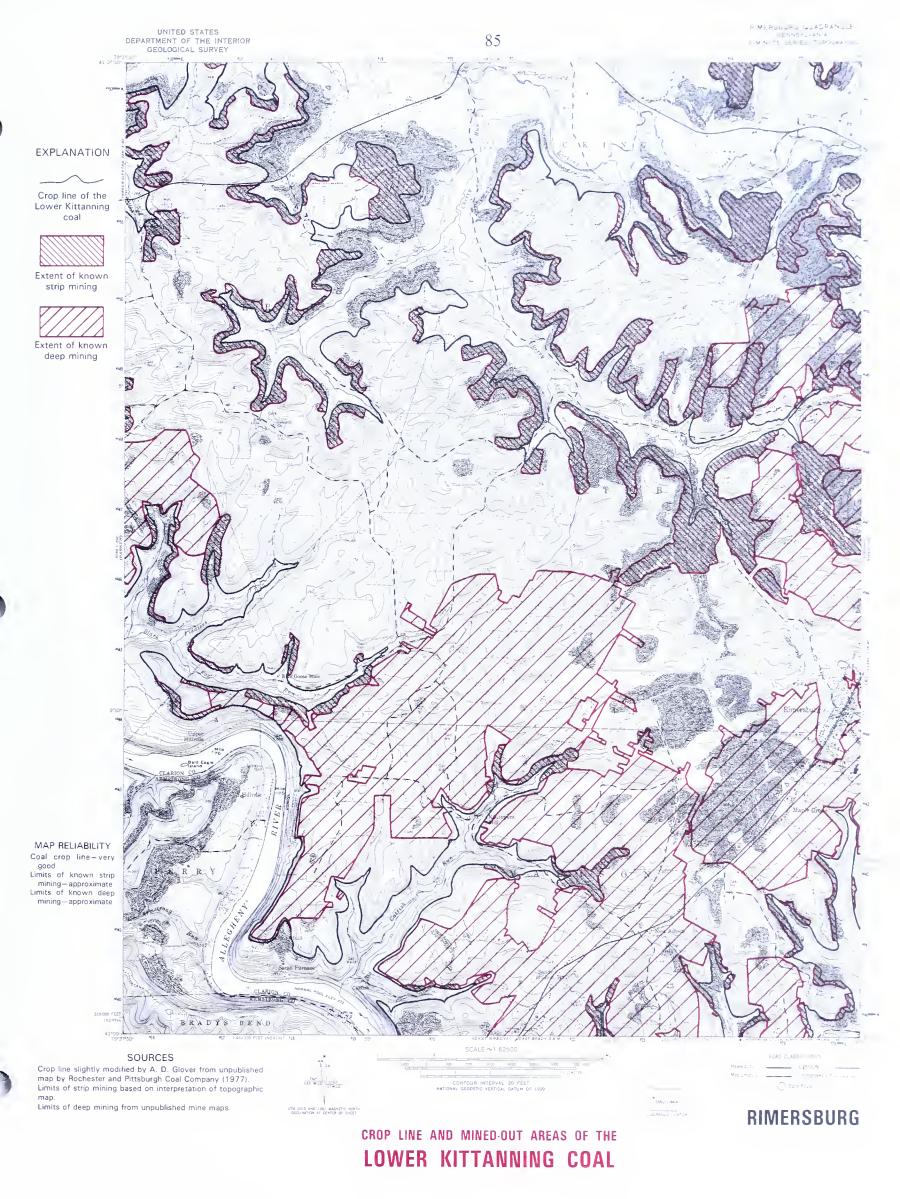






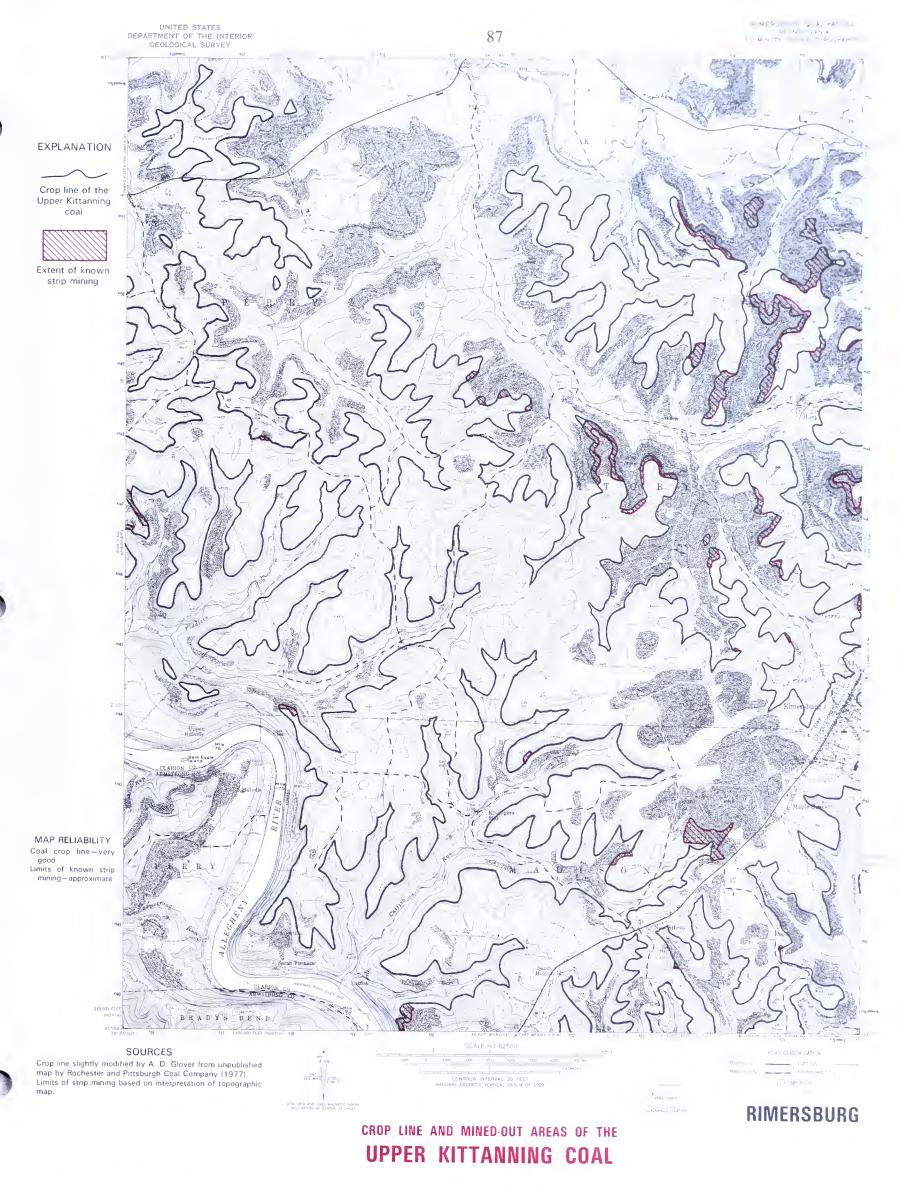


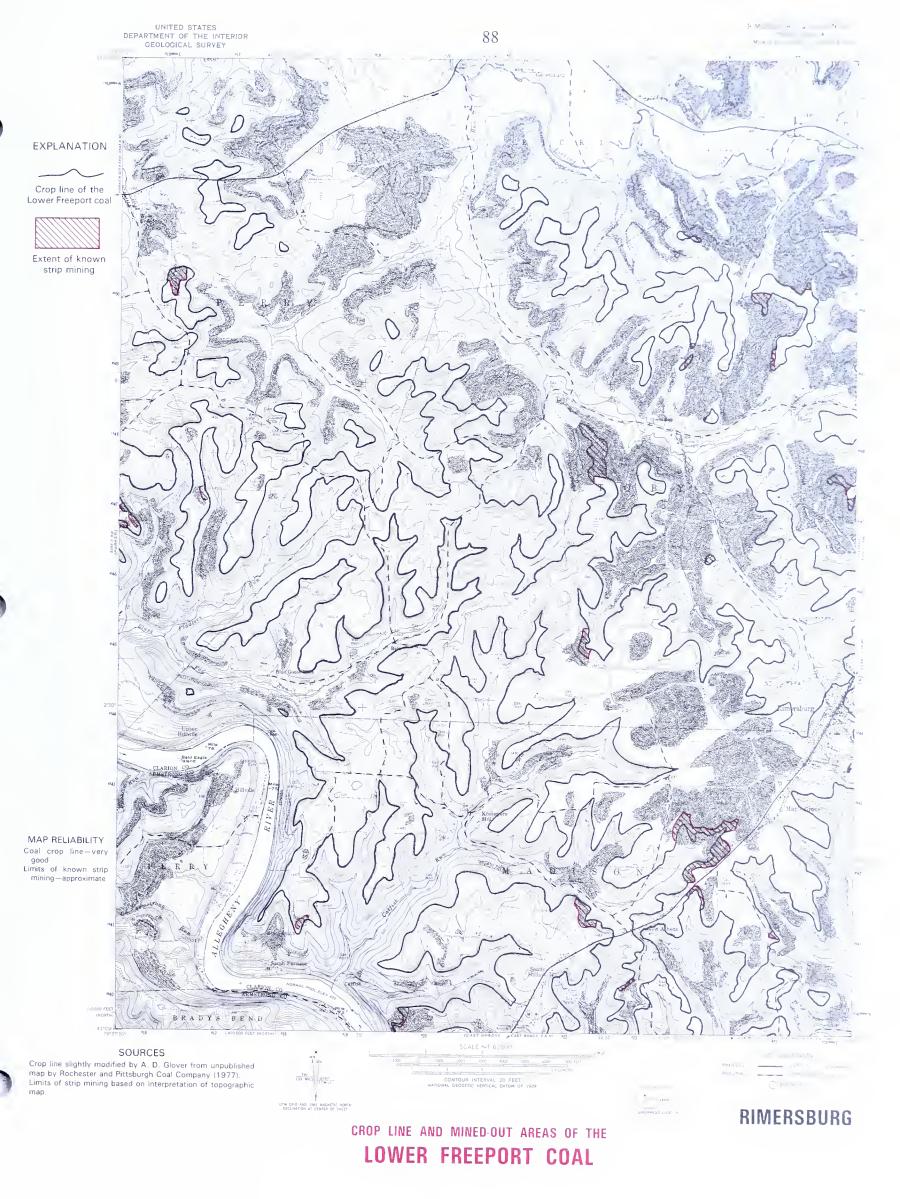




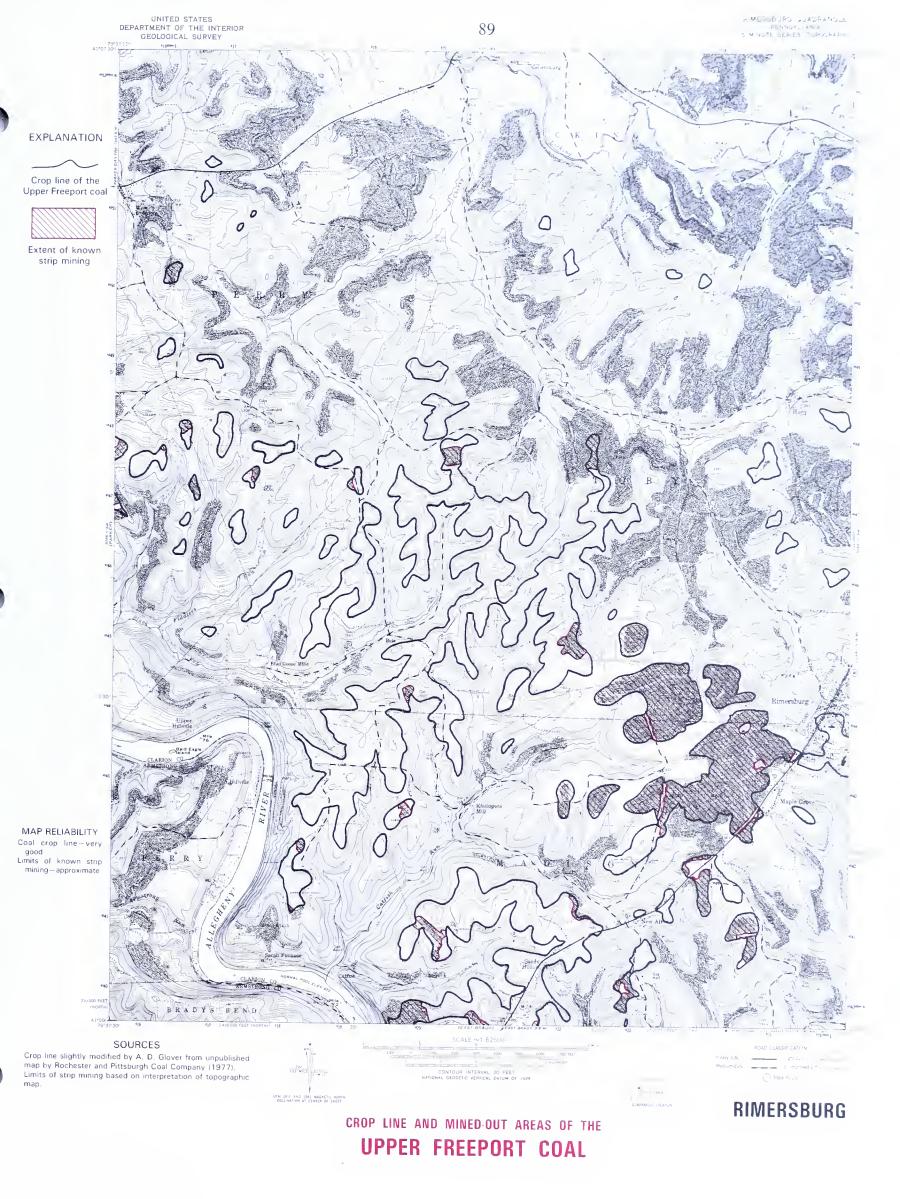
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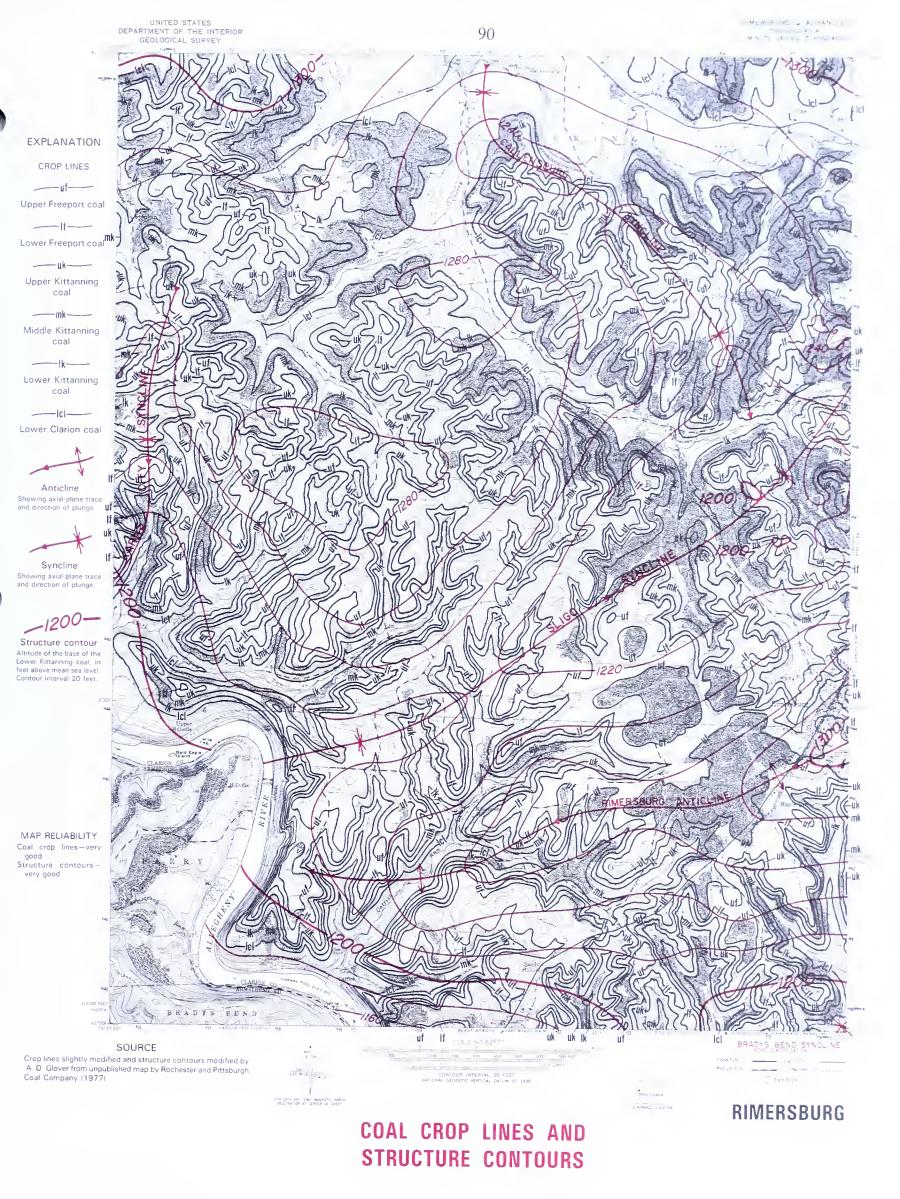








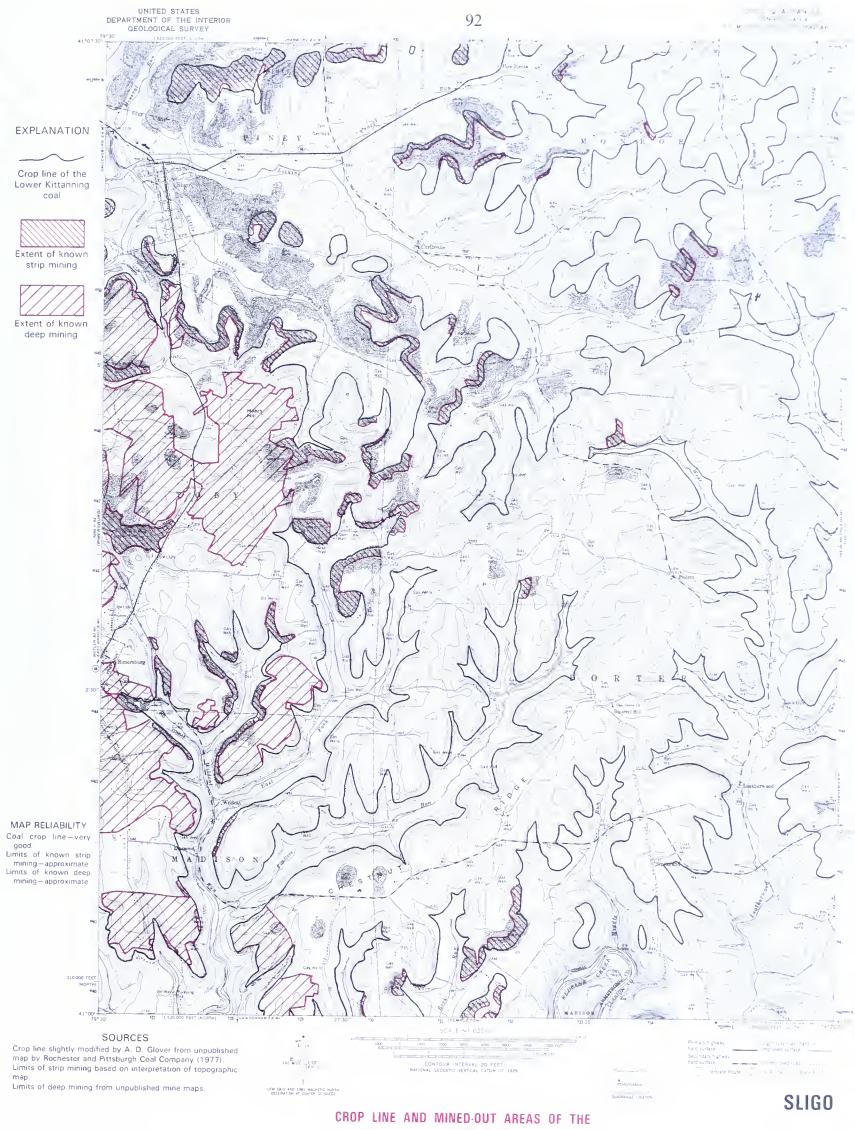




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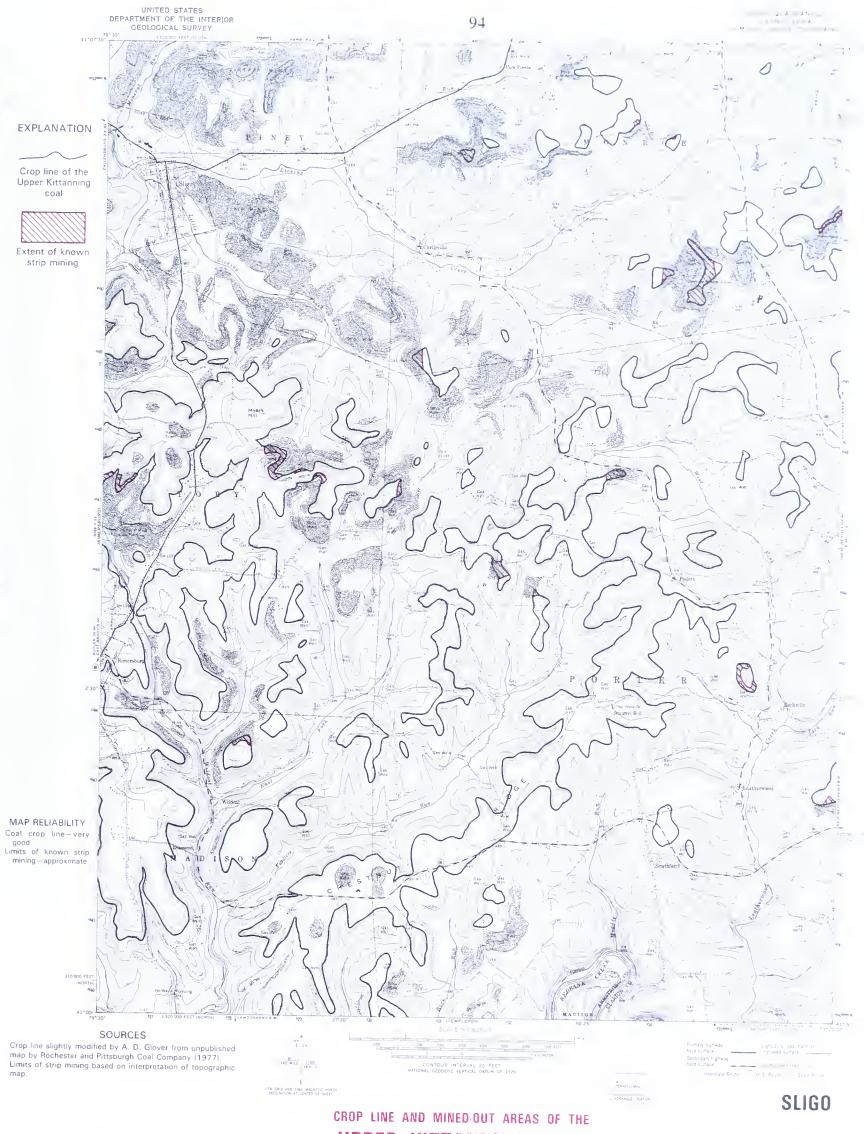


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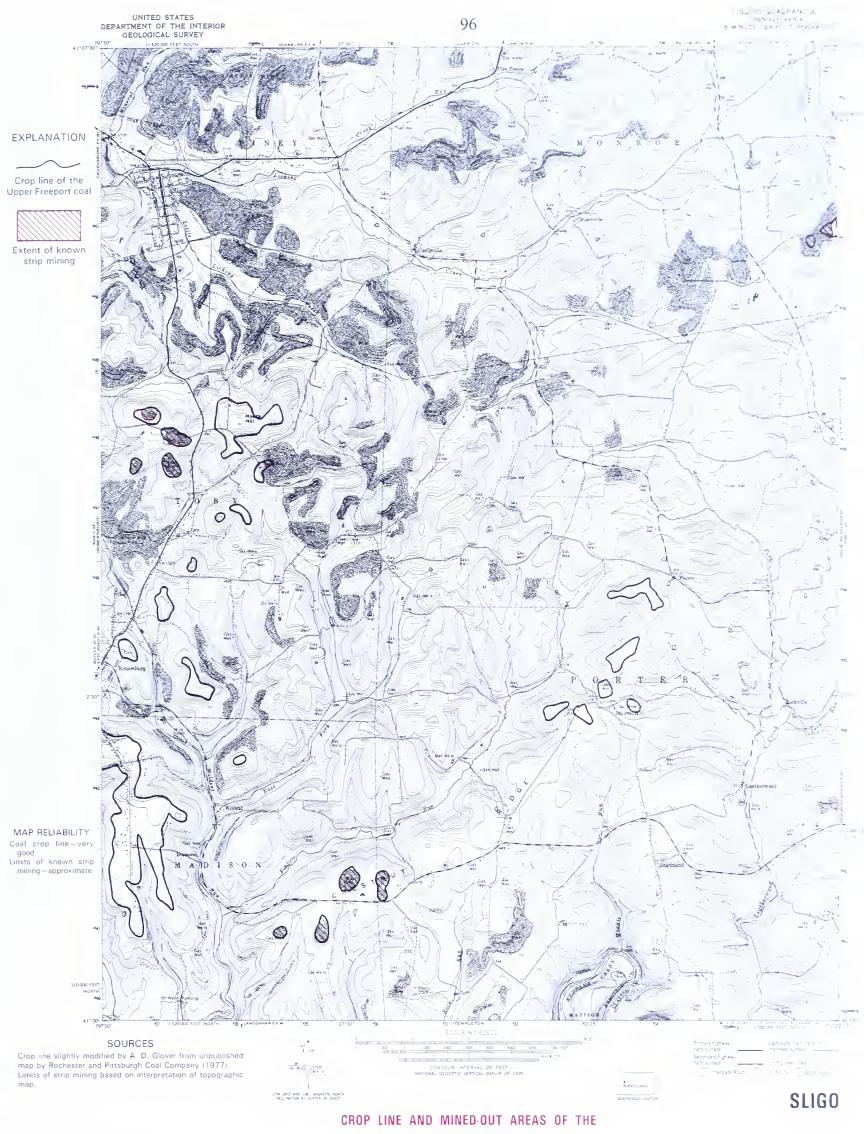


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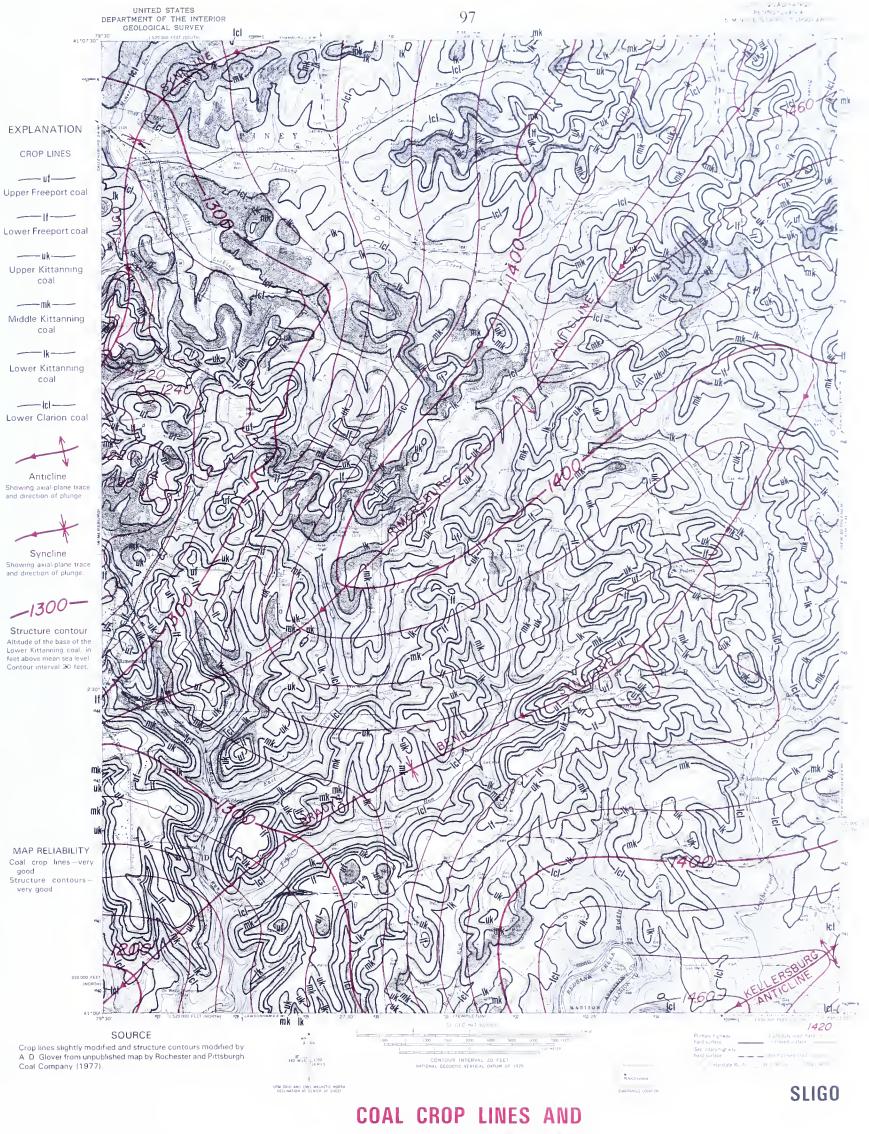




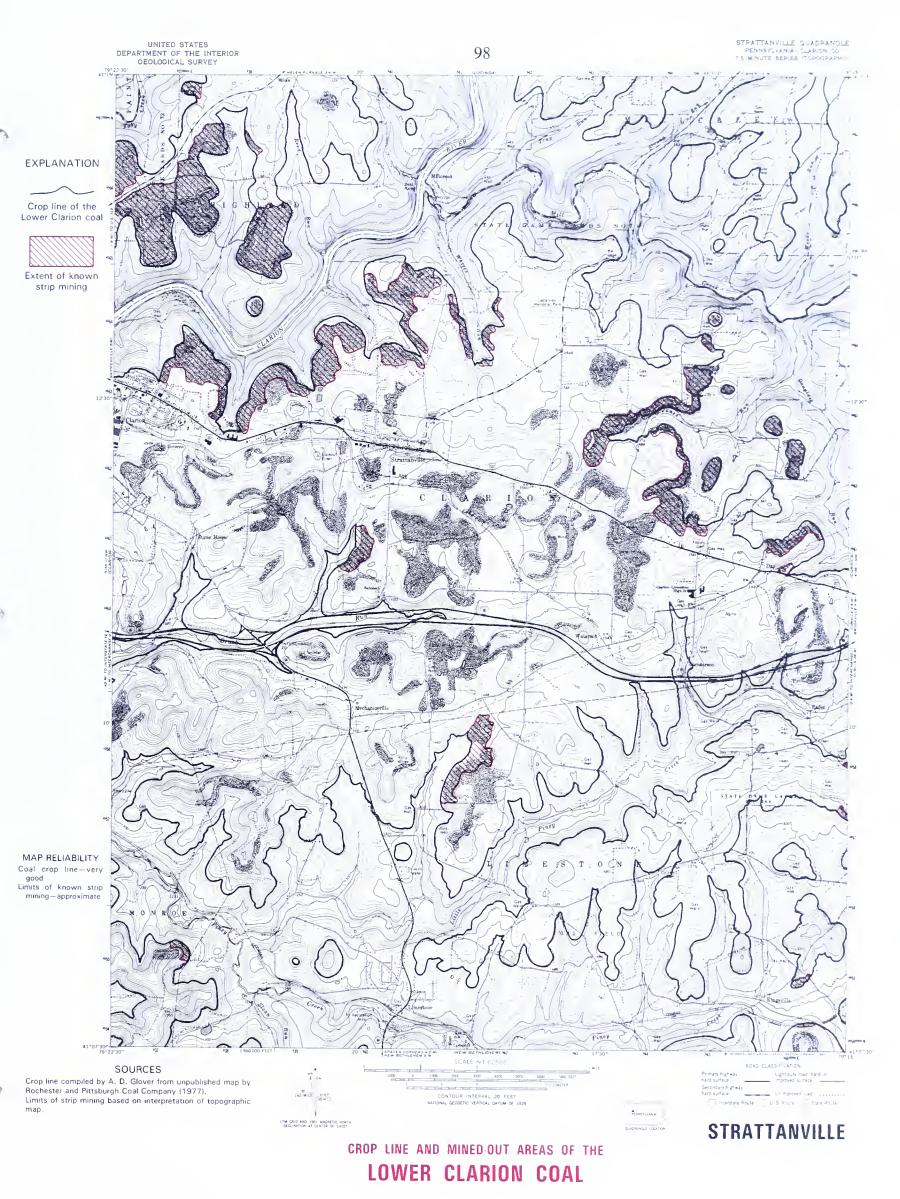


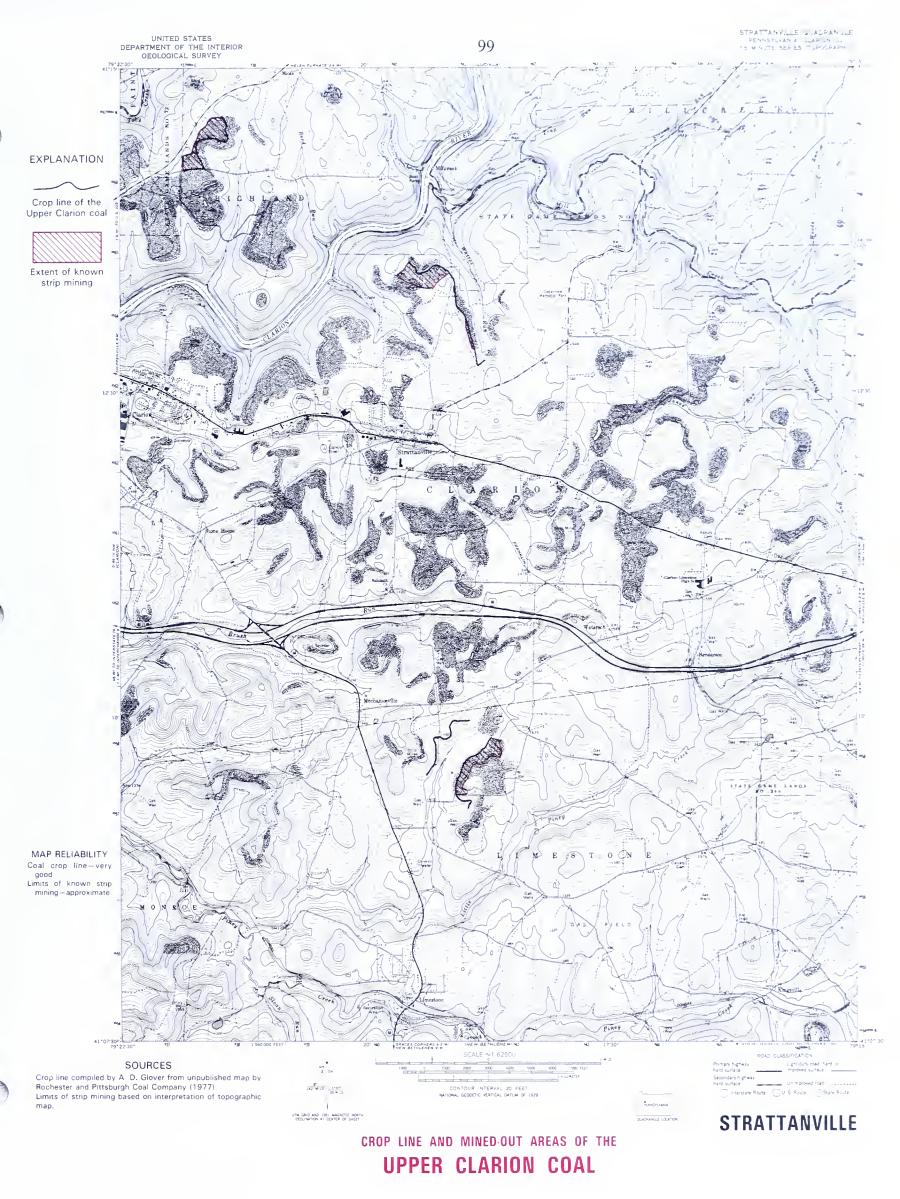
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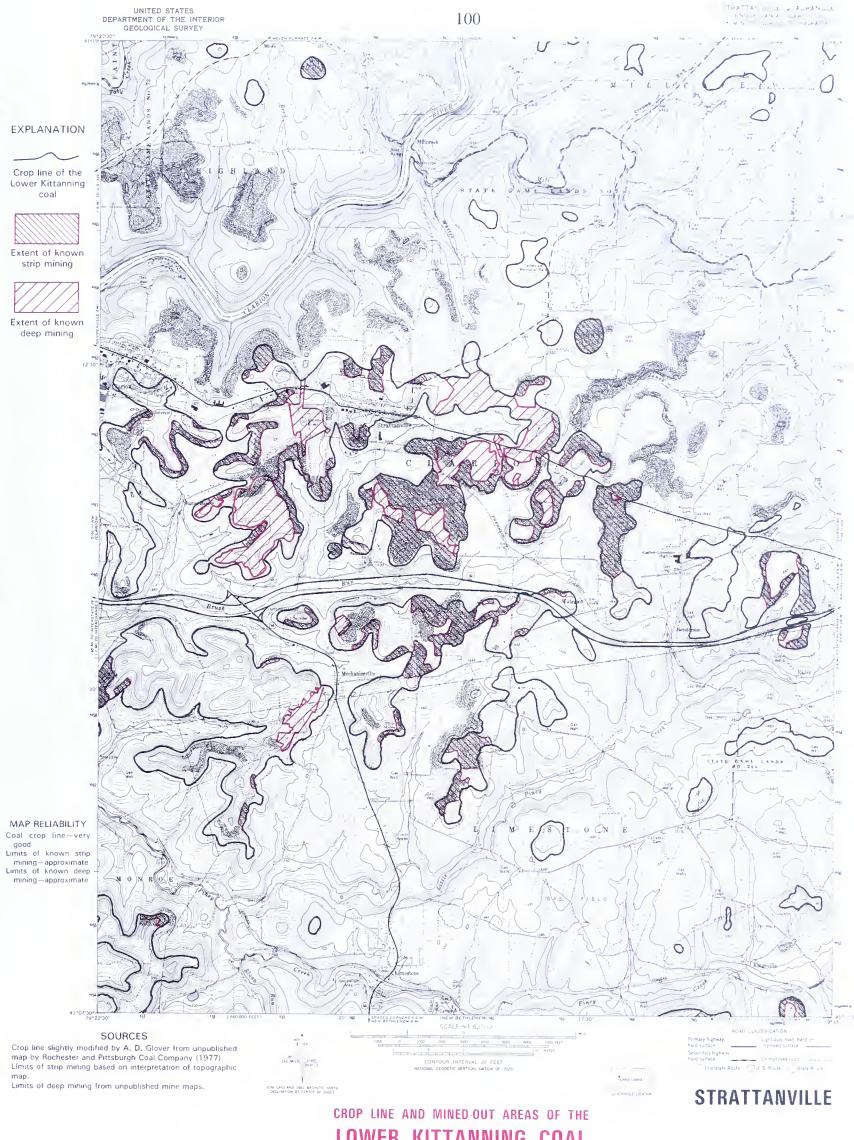


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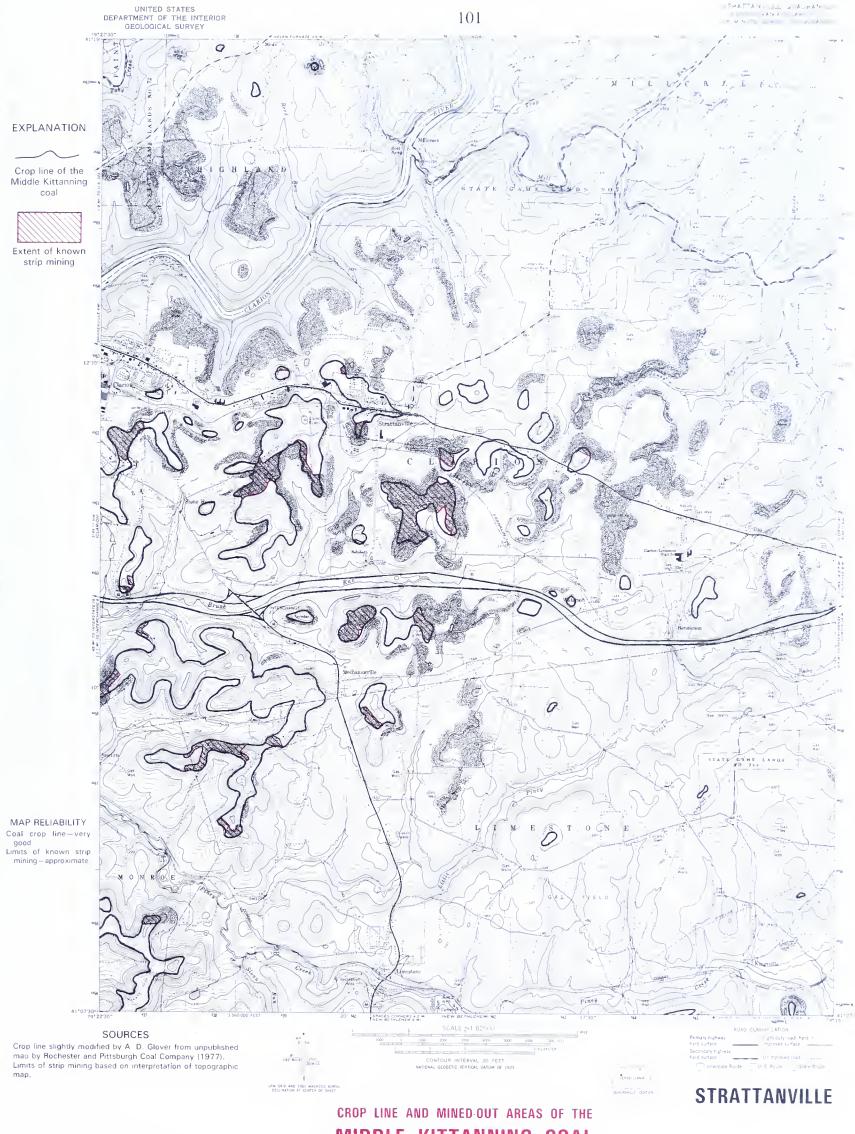




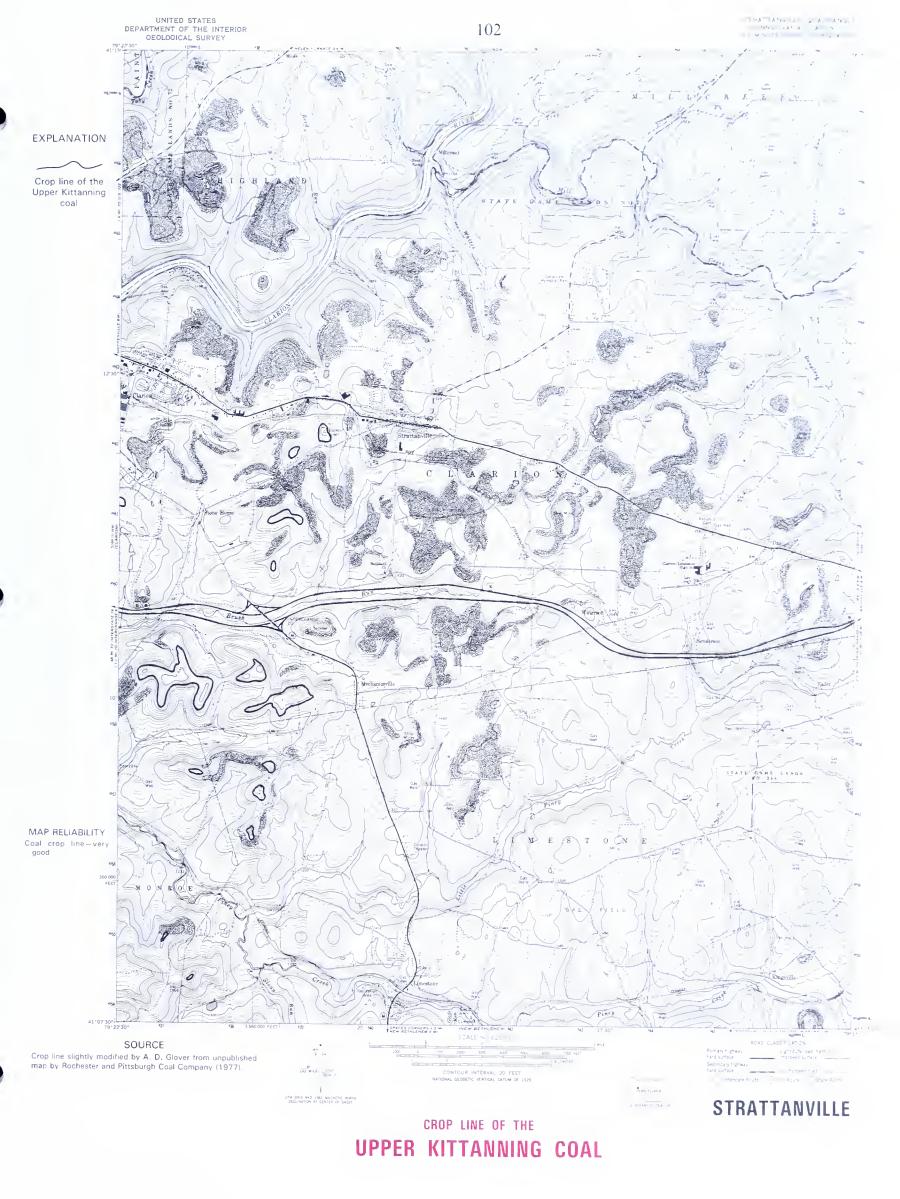




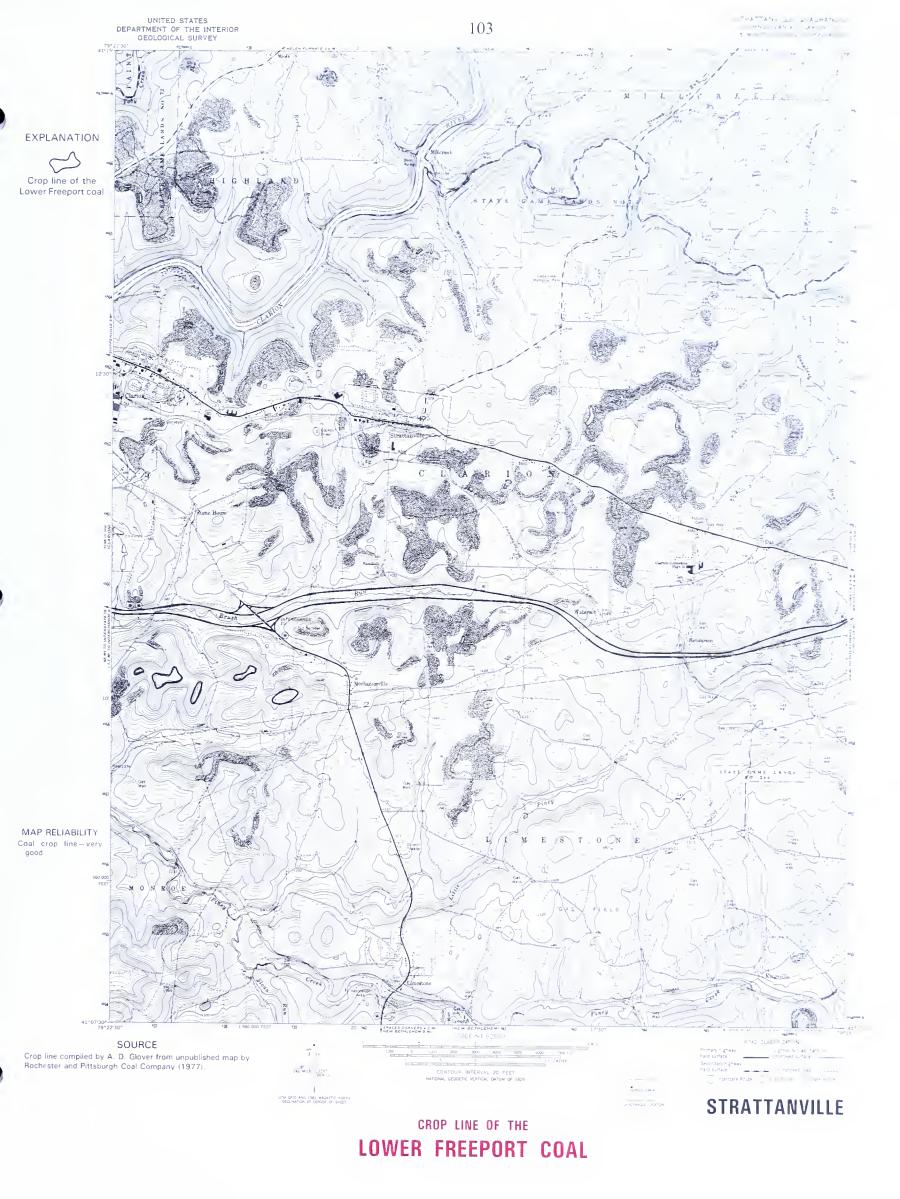
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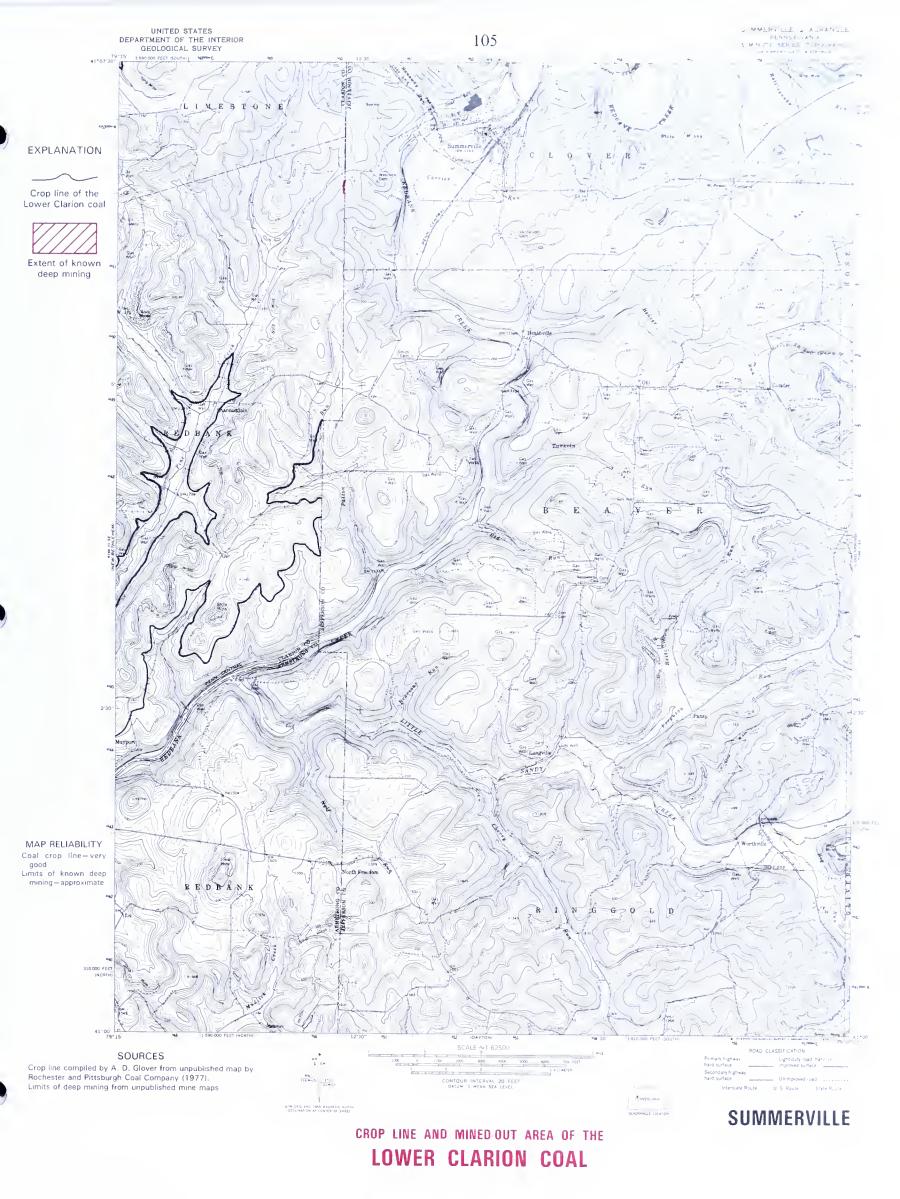
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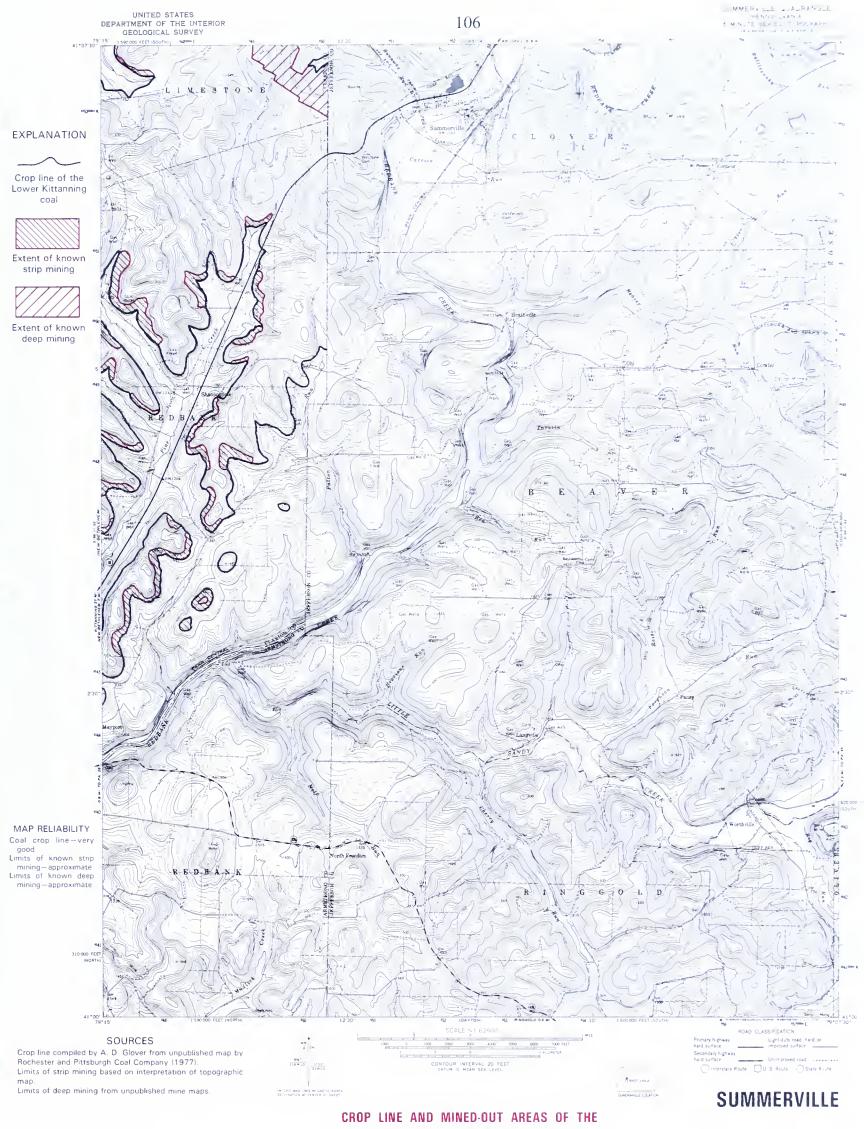




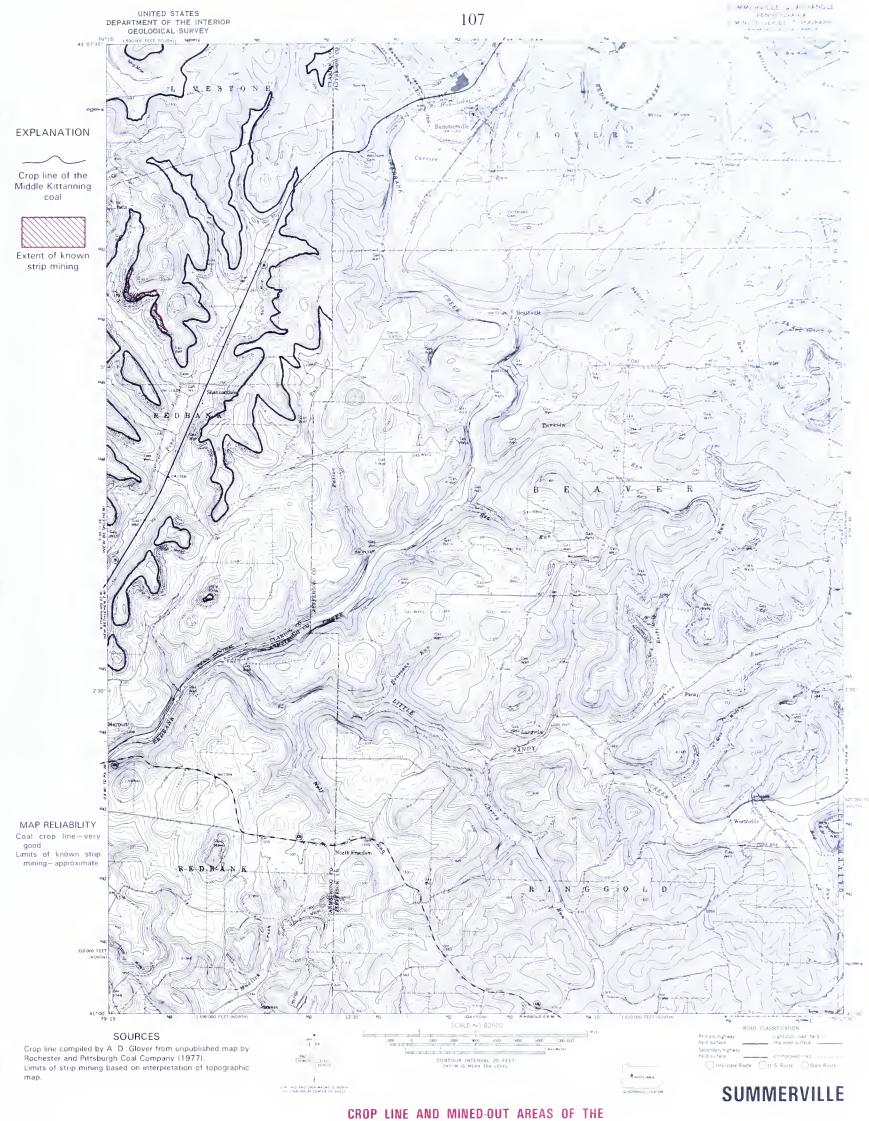




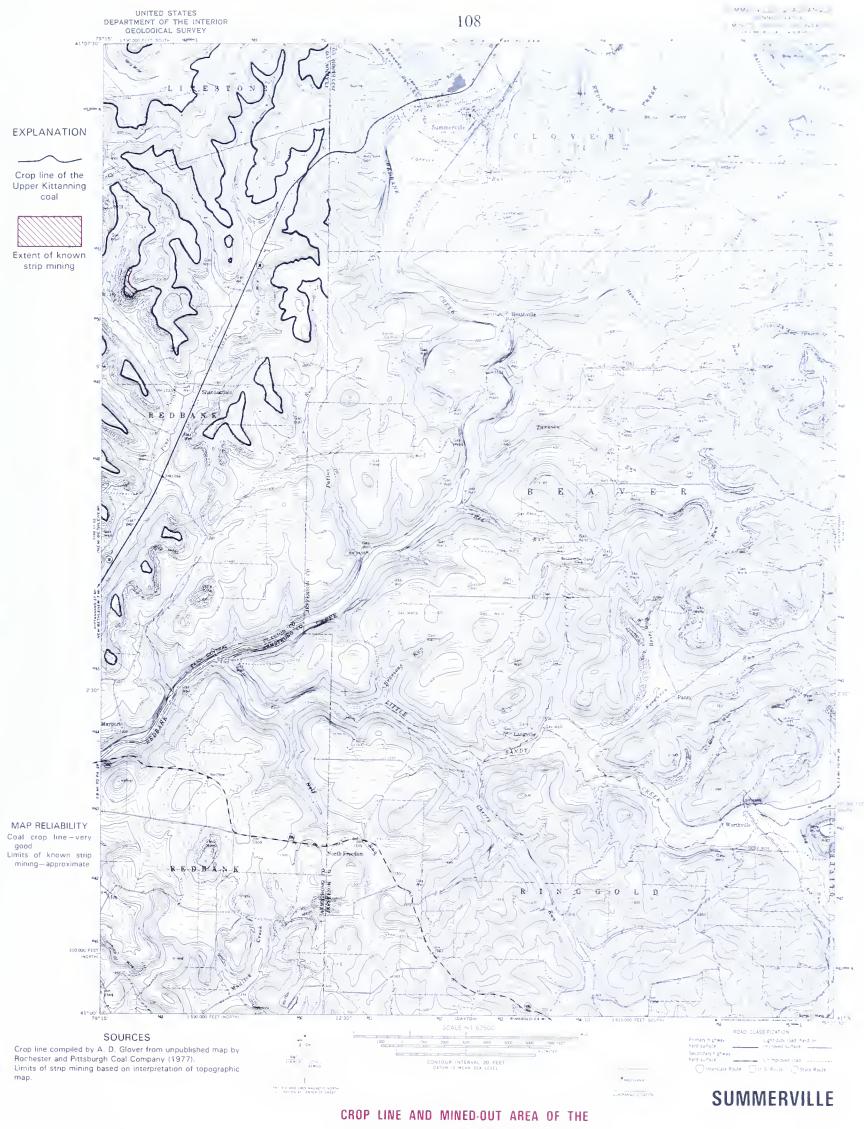




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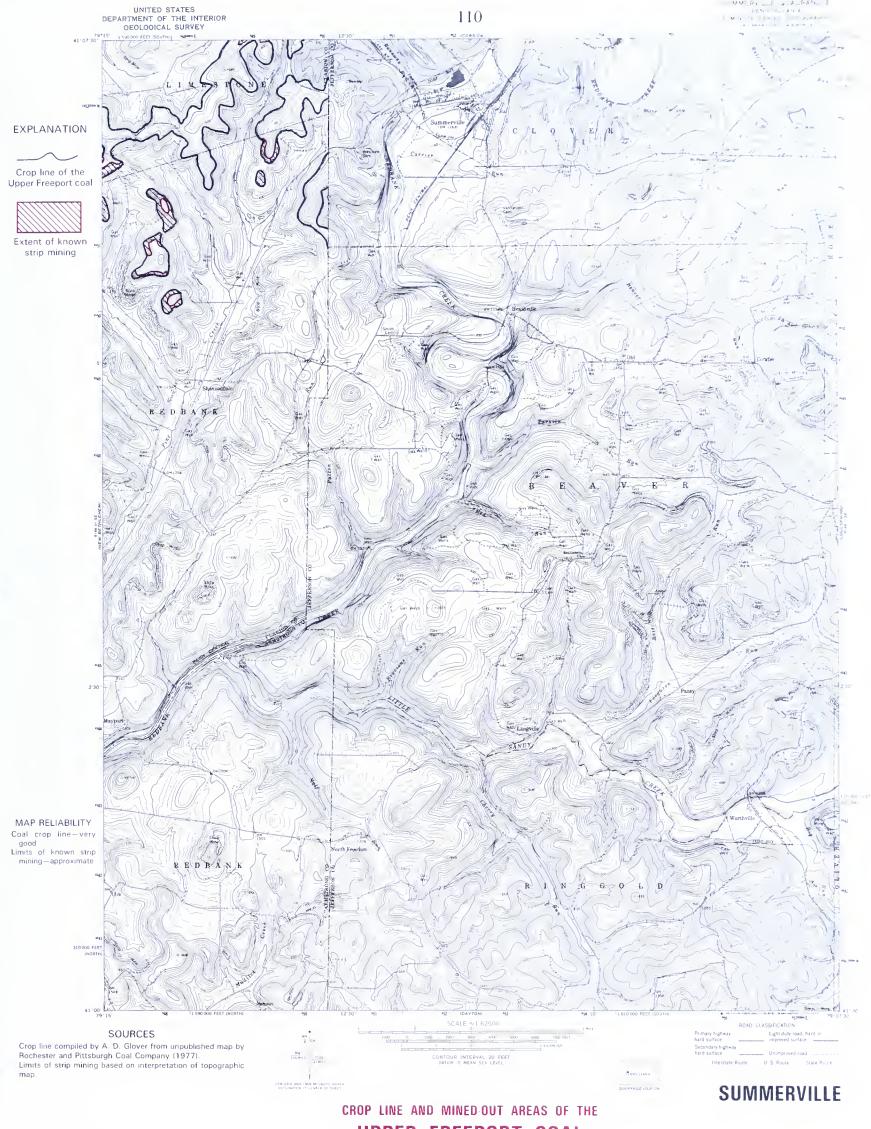
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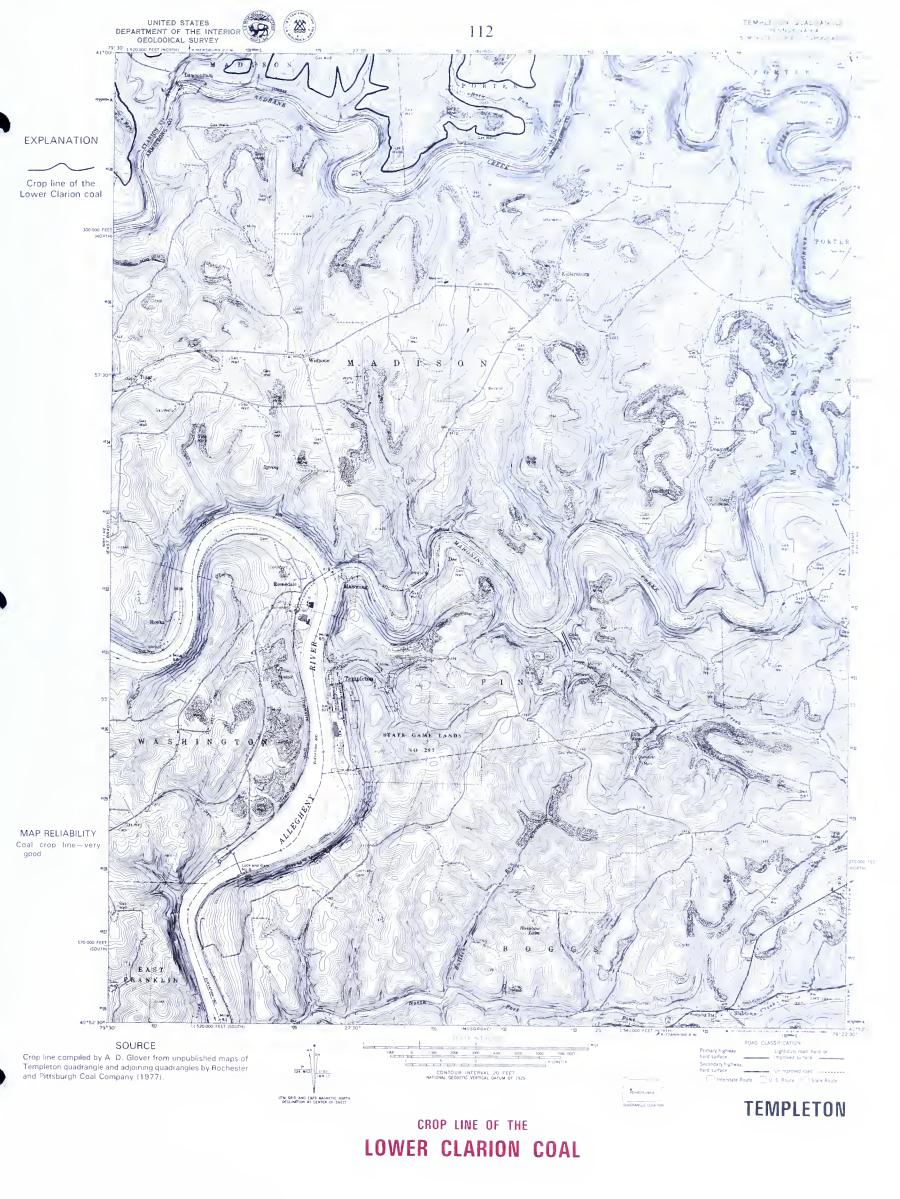
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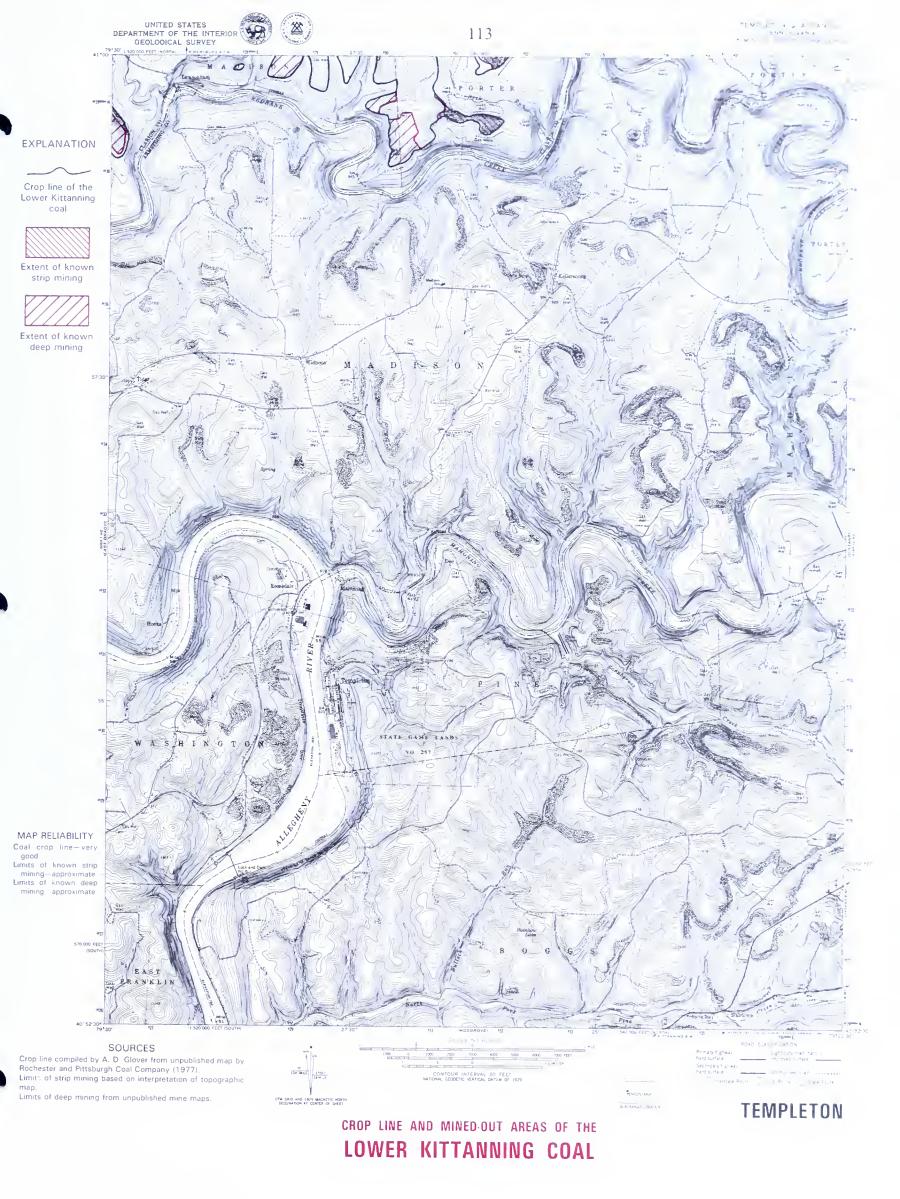




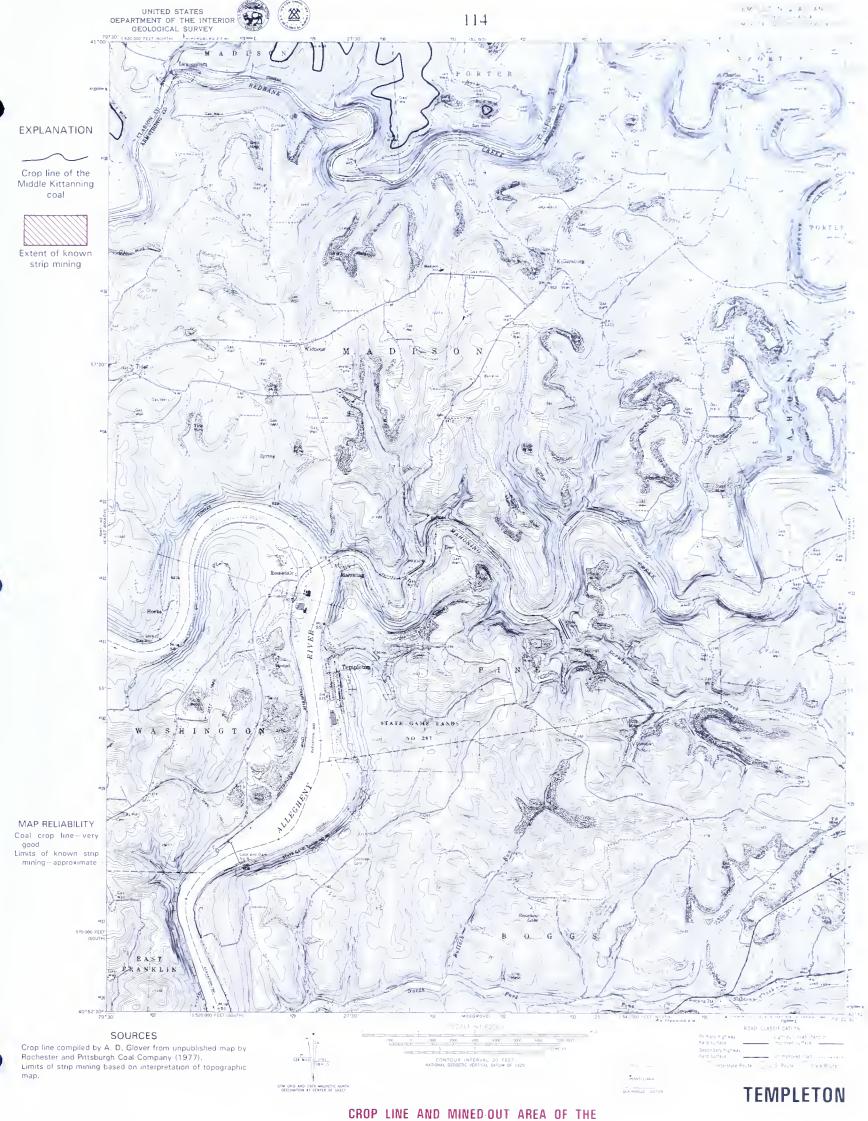
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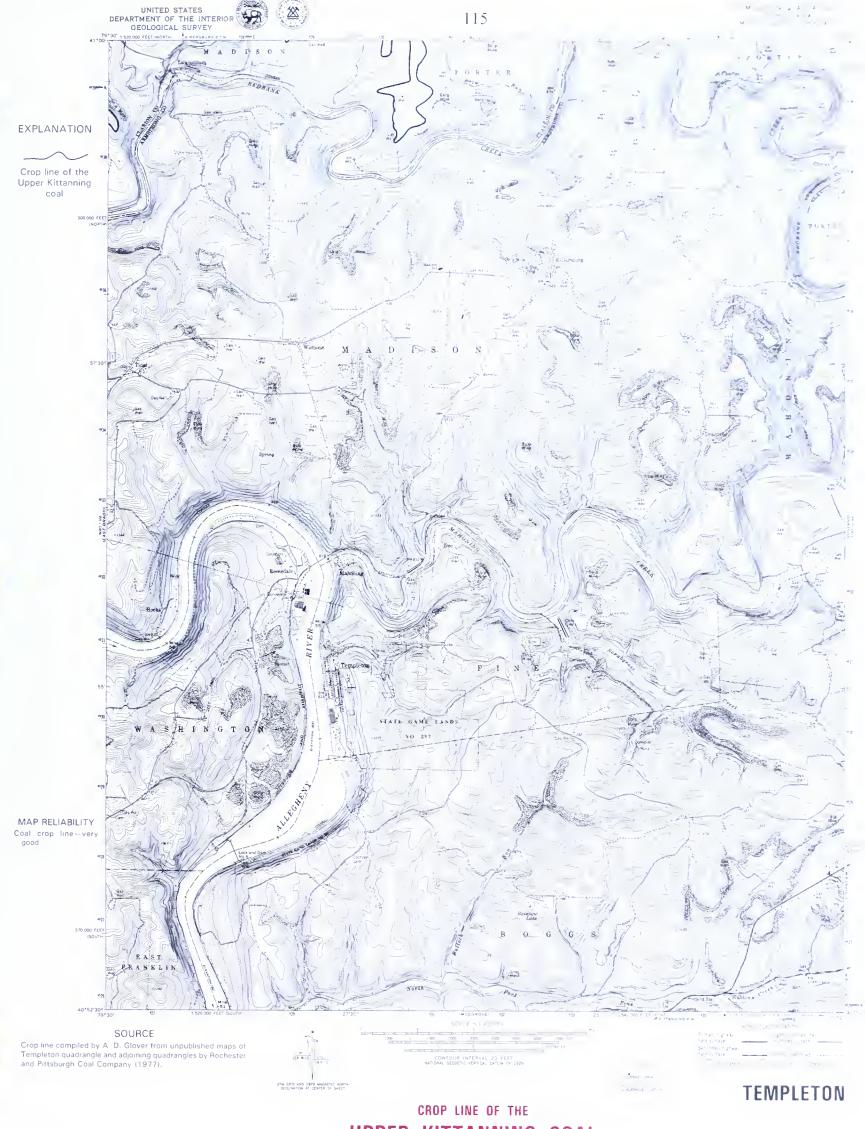






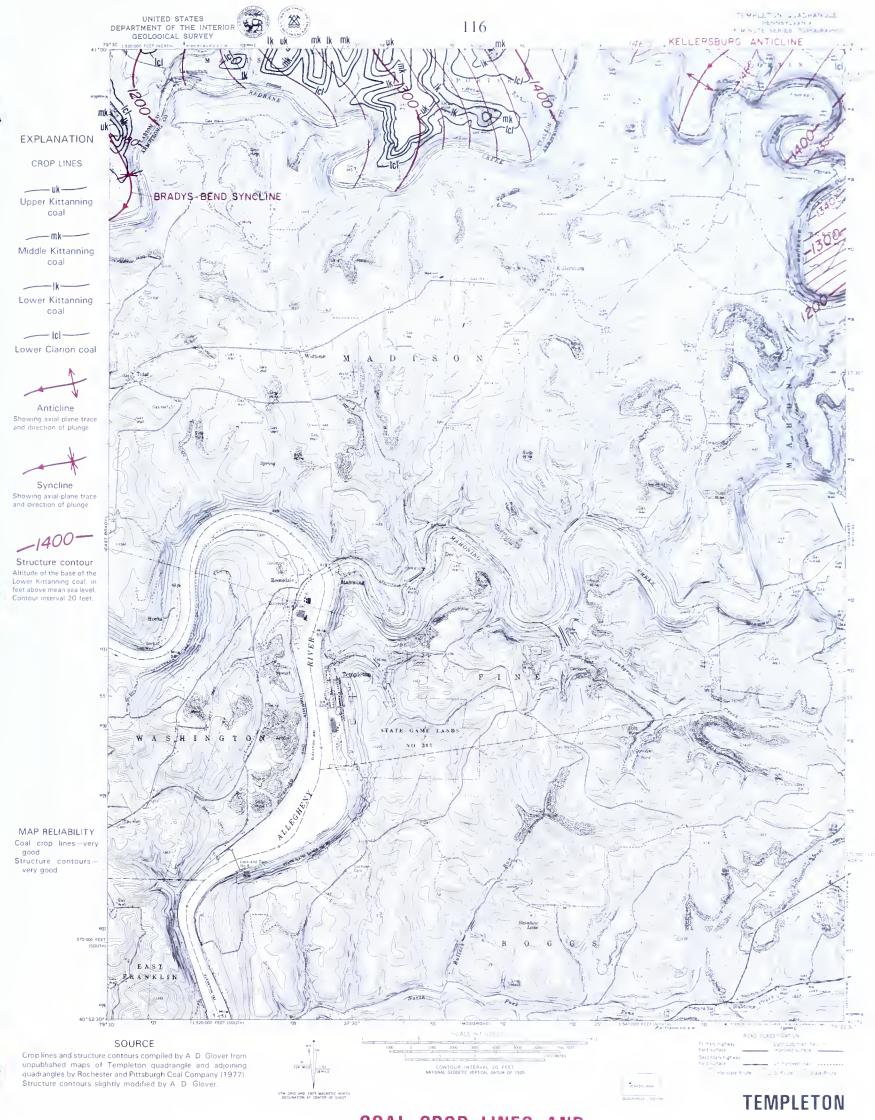
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COAL CROP LINES AND STRUCTURE CONTOURS

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